

Being a column in which the publisher just "blows off the steam."

By Willard Jones

THERE IS something about this time of the year, when Christmas comes, that makes it easy to think of others. Our thoughts are naturally turned toward good will and good cheer. We remember that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and we find happiness in making others happy. It is the natural thing to do at Christmas.

But how will you feel next July? Will you still have some of that holiday spirit when it's summer instead of winter, and Christmas is six months away? Will you be as thoughtful of others when the weather is hot? Actually, the mere season of the year shouldn't make any difference. So let us resolve right now not to let the Christmas spirit die on December 26. Let us carry it right on through the spring, summer and fall, and have it still with us when the holidays come again next year!

G-H-O-T-I spells fish! So says Dr. Lawrence H. Feigenbaum in a provoking article appearing in a recent issue of High Points. Dr. Feigenbaum says that the English language's spelling system could be improved vastly, and he illustrates his statement by pointing out that ghoti does spell fish. Just take the gh from cough, the o from women, the ti from initiation, and presto... fish!

Our language, writes Dr. Feigenbaum, has 44 sounds, and these are represented by only 26 letters. Some letters must obviously stand for more than one sound. Thus the letter a has no less than six different pronunciations. The letter x, on the other hand, doesn't have even one sound of its own—it is really ks. To complicate matters further, considerable overlapping exists, for there are 251 possible spellings for the 44 sounds.

Modern languages, we are reminded by Dr. Feigenbaum, vary in alphabet size. There are 29 characters in German, 30 in Spanish and 32 in Russian. An ideal alphabet for the English language, he says, would have 83 characters, but he is willing to compromise for 44... one per sound.

Although most of us do not realize it, alphabets do change. The letter j is a comparative newcomer to English. The letters y and z, formerly part of our alphabet, have been eliminated.

In the good old days, when people were less inhibited, everybody spelled as he saw fit. Writers like Shakespeare played it more or less by ear, and were not dismayed when they spelled a word one way on one page and another way on the next page. This linguistic freedom, however, was shattered by the dictionary makers who insisted that words be spelled in certain ways only. Checks have ensued ever since then as generations of students have striven for what might be called a more personal system of spelling, and have had to be restrained forcibly by their more hide-bound mentors.

Dr. Feigenbaum is very much in favor of reforming the English alphabet and spelling system. He would love to tshandish it. Wer agin it bekoz wez dzubst about kawt ontu thl auld won.

WE PICKED this one up from a popular civic club magazine that comes to our desk: It all depends on the point of view, we are told...

One old-timer said to the other: "Gosh, Bill, don't you wish we were barefoot boys again?"

"Not me," replied Bill. "I work on a turkey farm."

The Country Parson



"Some folks seem to think that every time they form a new opinion—God does, too."



BOOST FOR WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION at Gonzales came from Governor Price Daniel as he proclaimed December Warm Springs Month in recognition of the center's "contribution to the conservation of human resources in Texas." Mrs. Betty McCullough and Wanda Puryear, former patients of the center, are shown receiving the proclamation. H. P. Orts of San Antonio, foundation president, and Edward Boudouh of New Braunfels, second vice president, represented the foundation. Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation (the Texas Rehabilitation Center) treats the after-effects of catastrophic injuries and diseases such as spinal cord injuries, arthritis, polio, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, brain damage and birth defects.

Negro Burglar To State Reformatory

Following a series of burglaries that finally caught up with him, a 16-year-old Hamlin negro boy was last week committed to the State School for Boys at Gatesville as a juvenile delinquent. The burglaries had been committed over a two-month period.

County Judge H. G. (Pete) Andrews Jr. of Anson made the commitment, turning him over to the Texas Youth Council. The youth is to be held in Gatesville until he becomes 21 or until such time as the council decides to release him, Judge Andrews said.

Rev. Fred Brown to Pastor Faith Church

Rev. Fred Brown, who has been pastor of the Sylvester Methodist Church for the past 19 months, last week was appointed as pastor of the Faith Methodist Church in Hamlin. He will assume the new post on January 3.

Appointment of the new pastor here was made simultaneous with the appointment of Rev. Gene Moore to the First Methodist Church at Adrain.

Be careful what you start when you try to stop something.

One of Best Production Years, 1959 Registers Lowered Net Farm Income

So now we come to the end of one of the best production years Texas agriculture ever had—but net farm income is dropping down a full 15 per cent below 1958, declares John C. White, commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture, in a special release to The Herald.

The 1959 Texas cotton crop is estimated at around 4,500,000 bales, compared with 4,308,000 bales in 1958. Sorghum grain production is figured at about 277,000,000 bushels for 1959, a little up from the 273,066,000 bushels harvested in 1958.

Rice production for the year is running 13,136,000 hundredweight, against 11,938,000 in 1958. The corn crop is due to exceed 41,336,000, also up from 1958. The Rio Grande Valley is well under way with at least a 9,000,000-box citrus season, up 2,000,000 from 1958 and the first real bumper season since the disastrous freeze in 1951.

Range and livestock in general are in their best condition in the past 10 years. There were an estimated 8,510,000 cattle on Texas ranges at the beginning of the year, along with 5,355,000 sheep, and there are more now.

But cotton is the cheapest for

Small Grains Will Benefit From Good Rains in Area

Most Businesses of Hamlin Will Be Closed Two Days

Since Christmas Day comes on Friday this year, most of Hamlin's business institutions will be closed both Friday and Saturday in order to permit the owners and employees to rest up from the Christmas shopping spree and have some time with their families.

A check survey of business houses by the Board of Community Development and The Herald last week-end disclosed that most retail and service institutions will be closed for the two days. Cafes and drug stores will be closed for Friday only. Some service stations will be closed Friday only, but at least two were planning not to close either day.

Hamlin schools were to be closed Tuesday afternoon after the day's classes. Class work will be resumed again on Monday, January 4.

No special activity is scheduled in Hamlin community for the Christmas holidays as far as The Herald could ascertain. The usual Christmas feasts and visitings by people generally were on tap, of course.

Rev. Roy McCoy Will Preach Next Sunday At Nazarene Church

Rev. Roy McCoy, a former resident of Hamlin, will be the guest speaker for both morning and evening services at the Church of the Nazarene Sunday, December 27, it is announced by the pastor, Rev. R. T. Jarrell.

Rev. McCoy will be remembered by many who knew him as a Hamlin barber for several years. After leaving Hamlin, he received a call to the ministry, and has held pastorates at Burkburnett, Oklahoma City and Levelland. At the present time his home is in Ropesville.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. McCoy are invited to attend the services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. to enjoy his messages and to renew old friendships.

Herald Being Printed Early for This Week

This week's edition of The Hamlin Herald is being printed early in deference to the Christmas holidays. Most subscribers should have their paper by Tuesday.

The Herald office will be closed from Thursday noon until Monday morning, Publisher Willard Jones announced. Workers were to make up for the several nights of work on the big Christmas edition.



ROCKEFELLER WELCOMED—Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, former secretary of health, education and welfare, is shown in Houston as she greeted New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Among other Republicans greeting Rockefeller was Thad Hutcheson (center), state Republican chairman. Rockefeller visited Dallas and Houston while in Texas.

Soil Surveys Being Made by Hole-Digging Crews in Area

Water Department Wins Merit Award For Safety Record

Hamlin's city water department has been awarded an "award of merit" from the American Water Works Association for establishing a no-time-lost-to-injuries record for the year, according to Bill Rountree, superintendent.

The award was given under a plant safety program inaugurated three years ago by the AWWA and supported by the Texas State Department of Health.

The award of merit is given to utilities with less than 50 employees in which no lost time injuries have been experienced during the year.

Depending on the size of the plant, from one to five consecutive merit awards are necessary before a department can earn an "award of honor," highest offered in AWWA competition.

Thirty-five Texas cities won merit awards this year.

The smallest good deed is better than the greatest intention.



HEALTH LEADER—Dr. J. E. Peavy was formally elected state health commissioner in Austin. Dr. Peavy, with the department 20 years, has been serving as acting chairman.

Cotton Producers Approve Quotas For 1960 by 67%

Jones County's cotton producers, last Tuesday approved by a 67 per cent margin crop quotas for next year, according to official figures released Wednesday morning by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office at Anson.

Of the 377 going to the 10 polling places, 254 voted for the quotas, while 123 cast dissenting votes.

Anson's box showed 68 voting with 45 for and 23 against, while at Hamlin 42 turned out to cast ballots with 32 favoring and 10 against. The Stamford box was equally divided. Of the 50 votes cast, 25 favored quotas while a like number voted against.

The ASC office said voting was somewhat higher than last year, and added that the recent announcement in Washington threatening a ban of the skip-row crop plan might have been a factor in bringing a large number to the polls.

The peanut vote at Anson was two for and three against. Jones County is not a large peanut producing area, and a small vote was automatically anticipated.

Samples of Soils Being Tested for Detailed Records

Don't become alarmed if you find where someone has dug a post-hole in your field or pasture and has covered it up, Hamlin area farmers and ranchers are advised. That fellow who dug the hole has a good reason to do so.

Soil surveys with the Soil Conservation Service are in the process of making soil maps covering Jones County. Several types of soil surveys have been made on individual farms during the last 20 years. The present survey has been set up to complete the soil survey for the entire nation.

The Jones County survey is about one-fifth complete. An adjoining county, Haskell County, was completed in 1958 after about three years' work. A survey of Fisher County is also underway and is well ahead of Jones County.

Soil surveys are recorded on aerial photographs. The surveyor records such things as soil type, degree of slope, and the degree of erosion that has occurred. To determine a soil type a surveyor must dig small holes two to five feet deep. The soil is placed back into the hole so as to leave the ground in the original condition.

Land owners or operators are usually contacted before the surveyor enters a farm or ranch. Surveyors make it a practice to close all gates. Care is taken to avoid damaging any growing crop or other property. The local surveyor reports that people have been very cooperative in granting permission. Many offer their assistance, but actually none is required or needed. Because of the general good nature of rural people, the surveyors often enter a place without permission, say SCS officials. In such instances the owner or operator is not at home, or is working on some other part of his place.

Standard soil surveys can and will be an asset to owners and the one who take over when they are gone, soil officials point out. A more detailed report on the benefits of a soil survey will be printed later on. But in the meanwhile, soil surveyors sincerely appreciate your cooperation in completing the Jones and Fisher County surveys.

Rainfall Comes After Most Area Cotton Harvested

Small grain fields of the Hamlin territory and much of the rest of the state should flourish soon, now that has good winter rains have come. More than two inches as I've ever seen," according to many old-timers—came last week over the region.

The 2.05 total for the month of December brought the year's official rainfall at the Hamlin government rain gauge maintained at the city pump station by Bill Rountree to 23.07 inches, which is a little above the 18-year official average of 22.74 inches for the year.

November's total was .15 of an inch. By days the December rainfall so far has been: December 10, .01; 15, 1.27; 16, .06; 17, .70; and 18, .01.

The rains that came here were the ground-soaking kind, very little getting to the running stage. Country roads in the Hamlin territory were in bad shape where caliche or other base had not been put down.

While the Panhandle had freezing weather along with its rainfall, this region had above-freezing temperatures most of the time. Some ice would form during the nights but thaw during the days.

Pastures, likewise, will benefit great from the rainfall, which should produce more winter weeds and give the grass turf another boost.

Rev. Gene Moore Goes to Pastorate At Adrain Church

Rev. Gene Moore, pastor of the Faith Methodist Church in Hamlin for the past 19 months, will go within a few days to Adrain to become pastor of the First Methodist Church, it was announced last week-end by denominational leaders.

Adrain, located 50 miles west Amarillo in the Panhandle, is a little smaller than Hamlin, but the church is larger in attendance than the Faith Church. The church was made pastorless several days ago when Rev. Johnny Williams was appointed to the First Church at Turkey following the death of the pastor there.

Rev. Moore will assume the new pastorate on January 3. He hopes to move about December 29, he declares.

Faith Methodist Church in Hamlin was established in 1950 in the southeast part of town. A new sanctuary was built in Northwest Hamlin two years ago. During Moore's ministry here the church has had an increase in membership of 34, he reports. Mrs. Moore has been a teacher in the Primary School.

Incidentally, the young couple recently adopted a four-week-old baby girl, Susan.

First Baptists to Get Call Decision Sunday

Decision about the call to the pastorate of the Hamlin First Baptist Church will be made by Sunday, it was declared by Rev. Leonard Hartley, pastor of the Lamar Street Baptist Church. He was extended the call following the evening service Sunday, December 13, when he preached at both services. He was unanimously recommended by the five-member pulpit committee, then was extended the call by a unanimous vote of the church membership.

The church has been without a pastor since mid-August, when Rev. Calvin Bailey resigned to accept a Bristol, Virginia, church. Rev. Byron Bryant is interim pastor.



ICY BEAUTY—Ice covered trees in Amarillo, the town hit hardest early last week by the icy rain accompanying the snow, came crashing to the ground all during the day, causing scenes of both beauty and destruction. Power lines throughout the city were snapped by the falling trees and branches.

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RECALLING Other Years

★ Being news items taken from old files of Your Home Town Newspaper, The Herald.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

From the files of The Hamlin Herald dated December 20, 1929, the following bits of news of the Hamlin community 30 years ago are reproduced:

Part of the merchandise stolen last week from Young Brothers has been recovered this week with the finding of a suit case in a field near Clyde. Other bundles also were recovered. Several arrests have been made in connection with the burglary, officers say.

Last Saturday Dr. J. F. Estes and family left for Dallas, where he will engage in the medical practice.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cloud of Albany are spending the week with their son, Rockwell Cloud, and wife.

John H. Crabb presented pupils from his music class in recital at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening.

Homer J. Holder of Hamlin has been granted a patent on a novel fuel burner attachment for stoves, according to advice from the patent office in Washington.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Among news of goings-on in the Hamlin community 20 years ago were the following, reprinted from The Hamlin Herald dated December 29, 1939:

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Murphy of Sacramento, California, came over to spend Christmas with their daughter, Frances Virginia, who is a student at McMurry College in Abilene, and their mother, Mrs. E. J. Huit, at McCauley.

Recently highways in Jones County have been traversed by a magnetized metal pick-up machine that gathered up more than 1,700 pounds of nails, tacks and other metal particles along the roadways, according to a report by the Texas Highway Department to The Herald.

Among little folks of the community writing letters to Santa Claus, and printed in The Herald, were: Bert Truett Rainwater, Jimmy Morgan, Volle DeWitt Hodges, Betty Maynard, Oletha Maynard, Helen Fay Blanton, Gladys Louise Gregory, Robert Banner, Don Gregory, Joe Frank Foster, Guy Lewis Weaver.

TEN YEARS AGO.

Bits of news about happenings in the Hamlin community 10 years ago include the following, taken from The Hamlin Herald dated December 16, 1949:

Installation of a new eight-page newspaper press is being completed this week in The Hamlin Herald. Page size of The Herald is being increased from seven columns to eight columns.

Three hundred parking meters will be installed in the business section of Hamlin, following approval by the City Council this week according to Mayor Holly Toler.

Hamlin business firms will be closed all day Monday, December 26, in view of the fact that Christmas Day falls on Sunday, it is announced by committees of the Chamber of Commerce.

FIVE YEARS AGO.

News briefs about events in the Hamlin community of five years ago, taken from The Hamlin Herald dated December 24, 1954, include:

Five colored people were involved in the biggest raid made by Hamlin officers Friday night in East Hamlin.

Six new directors for the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce will be elected in balloting now underway in the city by the membership.

Bowen Pope of Hamlin and Cleburne Houston of Stamford have announced for the state representative post being vacated by David Ratliff of Stamford, who last week was elected state senator.

ONE YEAR AGO.

Among items of interest in the community one year ago were the following, condensed from The Hamlin Herald dated December 25, 1958:

Farmers of Jones County disapproved cotton acreage controls in voting last Monday, but the controls were approved on a national basis.

Ray H. Taylor, 57-year-old operator of a truck from Indiana, was killed Sunday in a freak accident eight miles south of town near the Apache Cafe, when a car belonging to James C. Holden, cafe operator, pinned him against his own truck as it suddenly moved from its parking spot up a hill nearby.

New Auto Insurance Rating System Will Save Careful Motorists \$20,000,000

Texas motorists who have operated their automobiles in an accident free and lawful manner during the past three years will be rewarded to extent of \$20,000,000, Dr. Robert W. Strain, member of the State Board of Insurance, says in a special release this week to The Herald.

Actually, the plan will be a shifting of financial burden from the careful driver to the shoulders of those who have been involved in accidents or who have compiled a record of moving traffic violations.

"This is not an increase in automobile rates—it is a shifting of costs," Dr. Strain emphasized.

Breaking down an intensive survey of driving records of 40,365 Texas motorists into more understandable statistics, Dr. Strain revealed that out of 23 insured family automobiles, 13 will receive a discount of 20 per cent on their premium rates and four will receive the same rate they have been paying before. Thus, 17 of 23 will either receive a reduction or no change in the rate they now pay. The remaining six will pay higher rates. Of these, three will pay only 20 per cent increase, one will pay a 40 per cent increase, and the remaining two will pay from 60 to 100 per cent increase in rate.

The safe driving insurance plan is a result of the public demand to reward safe drivers and force those who have had accidents or records of moving traffic violations to share a more proportionate cost.

"In addition, we very definitely feel that this plan will provide an incentive to reduce the tragic toll on our highways, that may not have been present heretofore," he said.

BACK TALK.

Discussing his tennis techniques, a stout, bald man panted, "My brain immediately barks out a command to my body: 'Run forward, but fast!'" it says. "Start right now! Drop the ball gracefully over the net and then walk back slowly!"

"And then what happens?" he was asked.

"And then," replied the stout man, "my body says, 'Who-me?'"



DEFIES NORTHER—Pretty Sue Baugh, 15, Dallas High School student, defies a cold north wind to add a touch of glamour to the kickoff of "Lock Your Car Week," a promotion of Dallas locksmiths. Here she locks a sheriff's car as Captain F. M. Buckalew watches.

Freight Carloadings For Santa Fe Increase

Freight carloadings for the Santa Fe Railway System for the week ending November 28, 1959, were 22,750 compared with 22,388 for the same week a year ago, reflecting a slight gain. Cars received from connections totaled 11,573 compared with 11,411 for same week a year ago.

Total cars moved were 34,323 compared with 33,799 for the same week a year ago. Santa Fe handled a total of 36,058 cars in the preceding week this year.

Texans Pleased With Progress of Highway Bureau

The Texas Highway Department has just totaled its forty-first year of operation, and people of the Hamlin territory and the rest of the state are generally well pleased with its record of achievement and money handling.

State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer said that 80 per cent of the funds expended during the past year were for construction, and 15 per cent for maintenance.

"Less than two-thirds of one per cent was spent for the administration of the Texas Highway Department, and the remaining six and one-third per cent went for the highway patrol and miscellaneous operations."

"The 80 per cent expended for construction is the largest per cent that has gone for this item since the few years soon after the creation of the highway department. Almost all of the expenditures went for construction in those early days, as the counties were responsible for highway maintenance at that time. The department assumed maintenance of state highways in 1924.

"Over the 41 years, 70 per cent of the funds have been expended for construction," Greer said.

Greer stated that during the past year 19 per cent of the revenue of the department came from license plates, 32 per cent from the gasoline tax, 43 per cent from the federal government, and the remaining six per cent from miscellaneous sources.

In the 41 years of operation \$3,300,000,000 have been spent on the Texas highway system. The system now consists of 60,374 miles.

CHRISTMAS IS TIME FOR MEDITATION AND CALM

Christmas is many things—snow and sleds; sunshine and palm trees; a holiday from work; the light in children's eyes; the laughter of friends; the joy of a feast; a time of sadness for some who remember seasons past.

Christmas is even more—a time for prayer and worship; a time of meditation about the story of the birth of a child in a distant land we are unlikely to ever see.

Christmas is a combination of all these things, but we feel that everyone, regardless of beliefs, should celebrate the occasion in some way or another manifesting love for our fellow men.

St. Francis expressed this Christmas spirit in his prayer: "I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

With these thoughts in mind, let us take the time to give thanks unto Him for His many blessings; let us reaffirm our faith; let us ask for His guidance.

As individuals, and as a nation, let us on Christmas Day pray for less fortunate people of the world that they may find new hope; let us pray for peace and that the nations of the earth may dwell in harmony.

Pray that we may find this Christmas new

vision, courage and inspiration to face each tomorrow.

Henry Van Dyke wrote inspiringly on keeping Christmas: "It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life."

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas."

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the eternal love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?"

We leave you with these thoughts, and our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Make Your Christmas Safe

It would be interesting to discover, in this era of motivation research, what the word "holiday" means to most people. What is the first thing that flashes to mind when the word is mentioned?

Time off from work? A trip? An excuse to celebrate? A tragic accident toll?

Unfortunately, truthful answers probably would place all of those higher on the list than the true meaning of the holiday. And it's especially unfortunate that holidays must have an association with high accident tolls.

Christmas, with the deepest spiritual significance, is the deadliest holiday of all, according to the National Safety Council. Ironically, it achieves this terrible distinction precisely because we want it to be such a wonderful occasion.

It is a sentimental holiday. People will drive long distances for the traditional family reunion, undaunted by the worst weather. More travel—especially winter travel at highway speeds—means more accidents.

It is a convivial holiday. The joyous spirit of the occasion is too often sought in liquid form.

This deadly conjunction of the throttle and the bottle has dimmed the true radiance from the star of Bethlehem.

The National Safety Council and Texas Safety Association have asked for church leadership during this Christmas season to point out that accident prevention is practical religion, and that good will toward men can find no finer expression than behind the wheel of a car.

Nuggets of Thought

When a dove begins to associate with crows, its feathers remain white but its heart grows black.—German Proverb.

When you are aspiring to the highest place, it is also honorable to reach the second or even the third rank.—Cicero.

The same people who can deny others everything are famous for refusing themselves nothing.—Leigh Hunt.

To the timid and hesitating everything is impossible because it seems so.—Walter Scott.

Physical bravery is an animal instinct. Moral bravery is a man's higher and true courage.—Wendell Phillips.

Road to Happiness

Alice Freeman Palmer once stated three rules for happiness, which everyone can understand and follow. Here they are:

1. Learn something useful every day—a great hymn, a lovely poem, a Bible verse. Nourishment for life comes from enduring words.

3. See something beautiful every day. There is more beauty in the world than ugliness if our eyes become trained to see it. One day last summer I stopped to gather some roadside flowers, which many people had passed as common weeds. A young girl in the car remarked, "I never saw anything beautiful in them before."

3. Do something useful every day. Opportunities for kind words and deeds are all about us; our lives must be trained to accept them.

There is a road to happiness which starts from the place where you are. In rich spiritual nourishment, in eyes opened to the beauty of ordinary experiences, in helpful service to others, we find happiness.

Editorial of the Week

SALES TAX ON GAS FOR CARS

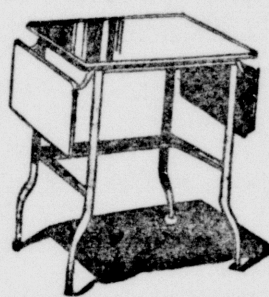
The irksome three or four per cent sales taxes imposed by many states are nearly insignificant compared with the sales tax imposed on one essential commodity—gas to operate our cars.

With the one-cent-a-gallon federal rise, the combined federal and state levy has been pushed beyond 50 per cent of the actual retail value of the fuel itself in 20 states. In all of the states it now averages 47 per cent.

The wonder is that lawmakers have the courage to decree such a penalty or that public opinion will stand for it. The reason given for the exorbitant rate is the need for revenue to build new highways. Of course, we want better roads. The only question is whether the whole burden for them should be borne by gas users when the new roads bring genuine benefits to everyone.—Grit.

Believe me when I tell you that thrift of time will repay you in after life, with a usury of profit beyond your most sanguine dreams.—Gladstone

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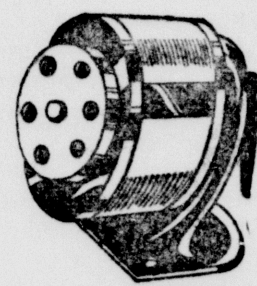
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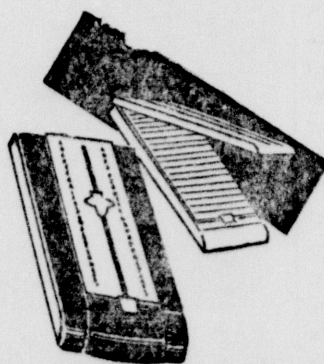
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Water Conditions Over Most of State Continue Good, with Lake Levels Up

Water conditions over the state during the month of November continued generally good, according to the monthly report of the Texas Board of Water Engineers to The Herald.

Level of lakes in the Hamlin territory and the rest of the state likewise remained fair. Stream run-off was about average.

Highlights from the monthly report, with particular attention to portions in which people of these sections are interested, are given below:

Run-off continued excessive in the north and central parts of the state, with flows sustained by recession from floods of October and gradually declining during November. There were no rises of consequence in any area of the state.

Flows on the Brazos and Colorado Rivers were maintained largely by releases from upstream reservoirs. Flow of the Sabine River at Bon Wier, with a mean average of 1,800 cubic feet per second, was about 50 per cent of the 36-year November average. Flow of the Canadian River near Amarillo, with a mean average of 21 cfs, was about 40 per cent of the 22-year November average. Average discharge from Conal Springs at New Braunfels decreased from 324 to 310 cfs during the month.

Estimated One Will Be Called in County With January Draft

Only one from Jones County will be included in the January call of draftees, it is estimated.

State quota for Texas draft boards in January calls for 310 men, Colonel Morris S. Schartz, state selective service director, announced Friday.

The state's January call of 310 compares with a quota of 454 for December and 447 for November. The January call is the state's share of a national quota of 7,000 men, all for the Army. The December national quota was 9,000.

Colonel Schwartz also announced that local boards would send around 1,053 men for pre-induction physical and mental examinations. These men return home after being examined at examining stations.

The January quota will be filled with men who are at least 22 years old on January 1, with the exception of volunteers or delinquents, who may be younger.

compared to the long term average of about 300 cfs.

Conservation storage in major reservoirs of the state decreased one per cent during the month.

In eight selected observation wells in Texas a water level rise was recorded in seven of them during November. The only decline was 0.8 foot in a well in the Winter Garden area near La Pryor. The rises ranged from 0.3 foot to 3.3 feet.

The cold continental air which swept through the state on the fourth of the month set the general weather pattern for November in Texas. All first order Weather Bureau stations showed below normal temperatures for the month. It was the coldest November of record at several first order Weather Bureau stations.

New records for the number of days with freezing temperatures in November were set at Wichita Falls with 16 days, Fort Worth with 12 days, Austin with 10 days, San Antonio with eight days, and Jefferson County airport with five days.

Water storage data for selected Texas reservoirs are given in the table below, giving storage in acre-feet at the end of November and percentage of capacity:

Reservoir	Storage for Nov.	% of Cap.
Lake Kemp	230,000	50%
Texoma Lake	2,834,600	50%
Bridgeport Lake	274,000	101%
Eagle Mountain	171,000	94%
Benbrook Lake	87,500	99%
Fort Phantom	68,000	92%
Paint Creek	43,500	73%
Possam Kingdom	642,000	89%
Lake Leon	26,600	100%
Lake Belton	206,293	24%
J. B. Thomas	161,000	79%
Colorado City	20,600	65%
Oak Creek	27,930	71%
San Angelo	93,500	79%
Lake Brownwood	126,900	9%
Lake Buchanan	937,200	95%
Granite Shoals	137,000	100%
Lake Travis	1,145,360	59%
Medina Lake	245,300	97%
Red Bluff	69,000	22%
Falcon Lake	1,218,000	100%

Taxpayers Urged to Read Tax Instructions

Tax Man Sam, in a release to The Herald, declares: The other day I asked a tax man, "What is the best advice I can give a taxpayer?" He came right back: "Tell them to read their instructions."

This tax business is probably the most important part of our business. It's not just the millionaires who have tax problems. Most wage earners and salaried employees have to pay \$20 or more out of every \$100 for taxes. It does pay to read your tax instructions. It will also pay you to keep records. Paying your bills by check makes a good record for most taxpayers.



MEMORIAL TO 36TH DIVISION—A granite memorial shaped after the 36th Division's insignia was dedicated on the capitol grounds at Austin. Mrs. Max Latham of Bowie, daughter of Oran C. Stovall, unveiled the monument. Governor Price Daniel holds a wreath which he placed on the huge arrowhead dedicated to the T-patchers.

Conda Wylie Gift To Rehabilitation Center Adds Wing

Z. Oswalt, president of the board of directors of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center at Abilene, announced that Christmas arrived early this year in the form of a \$10,000 gift from Mr. and Mrs. Conda H. Wylie of Fort Chadbourne toward the building fund of the center. Mr. and Mrs. Wylie were the donors of the recently completed Wylie wing which houses the occupational therapy workshop.

Oswalt pointed out that all building additions and one-third of the operating budget must come from gifts such as the Wylies' gift. Oswalt also reported that the center is at an all-time high in patient load, with 289 full time patients, and is treating between 70 and 80 of these patients a day.

The center, established in 1953, has rendered service to more than 800 patients from West Texas, and at the present time serves patients from 26 West Texas counties. Scores of patients have gone to the center from Jones County. The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit organization which treats all types of handicaps, and charges no fee. Its sole support comes from donations.

Oswalt pointed out that, with the increase in the number of patients, further expansion in personnel and physical plan is inevitable.

FULL MEASURE.

"I always believe in weighing my words before speaking," said Mrs. Hobson.

"And you don't give short weight, either," said her husband.

VETERAN QUESTIONS

The questions and answers below about veteran problems are carried as a service to present and former service members by The Herald. Material for this column is supplied by the area office of the Veterans Administration at Lubbock.

Question.—My wife and I are both veterans, eligible for GI loans. If we go in together on a real estate loan for business purposes, would the amount of VA's guarantee be doubled?

Answer.—Yes. On a real estate loan for a business, the maximum VA guarantee for an individual veteran is \$4,000; so you and your wife could get an \$8,000 maximum guarantee. However, VA's guarantee may not exceed 50 per cent of the total loan.

Q.—I want to take a college course under the war orphans' education act, but cannot complete it by age 23 since I did not even become eligible until I was 21, when my father died. May schooling continue beyond age 23 in my case?

A.—Yes. In cases where the veteran-parent dies after a son or daughter is 18 but not yet 23, the eligible orphan has until five years after the death of the parent to complete school. In no case may schooling extend beyond the thirty-first birthday.

Q.—Can the proceeds of a GI insurance policy paid to a beneficiary be attached by creditors?

A.—No. Such proceeds are exempted by law from the claims of creditors. They may not be seized or attached to pay debts.

Q.—I'm a Korean veteran with an RS type GI term insurance policy, which I am going to convert to one of VA's permanent plans. Can I borrow against my permanent plan insurance as soon as it is issued?

A.—No. You must hold your new permanent plan insurance one year before you have the right to borrow on it.

Freight Carloadings For Santa Fe Decline

Freight carloadings for the Santa Fe Railway System for the week ending November 14, 1959, were 26,220 compared with 28,079 for the same week a year ago, represented a decided decline. Cars received from connections totaled 11,113 compared with 11,910 for the same week a year ago.

Total cars moved were 37,333 compared with 39,989 for the same week a year ago. Santa Fe handled a total of 38,469 cars in the preceding week this year.

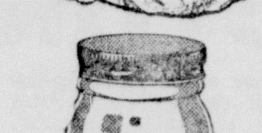
ON THE PLATTER.

At the hold-up of a Chinese restaurant, the robber said: "Give me everything in the cash register." Owner, beaming—"To take out?"

PINEAPPLE



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Contadina Spiced	Food King
PEACHES, 3 No. 2 1/2 cans	SHORTENING, 3-lb. can
Shurfine	Comstock
APPLE SAUCE, 4 No. 303 cans	APPLES, 3 No. 2 cans
Shurfine	Rustic
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The Herald's Page for Women



Proper Planning of Meals Can Make Them Better, Easier, More Colorful

If you are an average homemaker, you spend about a third of your time in planning, preparing and serving meals. Of course, some homemakers spend more time on food preparation than others. Size of the family, elaborateness of meals, and the convenience and use of kitchen equipment influence the time spent on meals.

You can have colorful, appetizing meals in minimum time and with less energy if you plan and manage them properly, according

Naomi Class of First Baptist Church Has Christmas Party

Members of the Naomi Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Lurline Young. Co-hostesses were Mmes. Ruby Brown and Betty Miller.

Mrs. Vincie Walton opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Lurline Howell, a guest, brought the Christmas story, and Mrs. Lurline Young read a Christmas poem.

Members exchanged gifts after the program. Also gifts for a pouncing for two families were taken to the session by attendants.

Refreshments of cake, coffee and spiced tea were served to two guests, Mmes. Lurline Howell and D. D. Paul; and the following members: Mmes. Vincie Walton, Mayme Deel, Ola Waymire, Stella West, Winnawee Abbott, Billye Goodman, Lela Lain, Mattie Laffler and Overa Jones.

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to extension foods and nutrition specialists. To help homemakers with the job of meal planning and management, the specialists have written a new bulletin entitled "Quick Meals."

The specialists give four pointers as to what makes a good meal. They are: Use foods that vary in flavor, color, texture, size and shape; they should be of good quality, appetizing and prepared so as to save food value; foods should be served attractively; and a pleasant atmosphere should be present to help the family enjoy meal time.

Better use of time by menu planning is discussed. Some suggestions are: Serve fewer and well prepared foods in generous amounts; use foods that can be cooked together, such as pot roasts and vegetables; and plan dishes which require few ingredients.

The bulletin contains many menu plans for quick meals, such as oven meals, one-dish meals, broiler meals, top-of-the-range meals, and meals from the freezer. All these recipes have easy-to-follow instructions.

Contact your local home demonstration agent for a copy of the bulletin. Or write the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Ask for B-927.

MET HIS MATCH.

The circus strong man rode out on horseback to challenge a farmer whose great strength had gained him a reputation. The circus man tied his horse and saw the farmer.

"Hey!" he called, "I've heard a lot about you, and I thought I'd see which is the better man."

Without answering, the farmer seized the intruder, hurled him bodily over the fence into the road, and returned to his work.

When the loser had recovered his breath, the farmer growled: "Got anything else to say to me?" "No," the circus man panted, "but perhaps you'd be good enough to throw me my horse."

Walk safely today so you can walk tomorrow.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



Expert Attention Should Be Given to Child's Speech Defects That Persist

What is a speech defect? And when is it serious? These questions are posed by Dorothy V. Whipple, M. D., in an AP News-feature for The Herald.

No baby speaks clearly and we certainly do not consider the early mispronunciations a defect. But by the age of five a child should:

Speak distinctly.
Make his meaning clear.
Speak with a voice that is pleasant to hear.

If your child falls short of this standard he may have a speech defect that needs attention.

But the things that might be wrong are many. Some are simple and of no great significance, some are more serious. But even the simple ones are better off treated. It's hard on anyone to go through life not quite able to get his meaning clearly across to others. Even if the defect is not that serious, an unpleasant peculiarity in speech can be a handicap. Treatment of speech defects is more successful in childhood. Grown people have to work harder to overcome their speech peculiarities.

Only about 30 per cent of all speech defects are due to faulty structure in the child. Such conditions as cleft palate and cerebral palsy and loss of hearing do interfere with normal speech, but the vast number of speech defects grow out of the things that happen in the life of the child, things that influence his personality and the way he looks and thinks about the world in which he lives.

The most common defect among young children is faulty articulation, the child does not use his tongue, lips and jaw to the best advantage.

No child is born with the ability to start right off talking correctly. All children mispronounce many words, but as they get older and hear correct speech they gradually improve their own diction. It is normal for a two-year-old to "frow" a ball, but a five-year-old should "throw" it. Two-year-olds have "muvvers," but a five-year-old should have a "mother."

"R" is a troublesome sound. Little folks often eat "wolls" instead of "rolls" and when they ask for "lam" instead of "ham" it causes confusion.

When "s" is the cause of trouble we call it lisping. Most all little children love a "twing" instead of a "swing." Sometimes "s" is whistled through the lips and the child sounds like a radiator expelling steam or the "s" is formed between the upper and lower teeth and we get "loth" instead of "loss."

All children do these things. Why do some outgrow them and some hang on to their baby speech?

Maybe the child's speech is poor because he has not had a good example to follow, either because your own speech leaves something to be desired or because you do not talk to him enough. Maybe you have repeated to him his own

cute little baby sayings until he gets the idea that's the way it should be. Or maybe you pay too much attention to his speech and are forever nagging him to speak clearly. Finally he becomes balky and just won't try any more. You never do a child a service to harp on his defects. It's better to just ignore his mistakes but always say the words correctly yourself. After a while he picks up the right way.

But if at five your child has not outgrown his baby talk, you will probably need some help in correcting his speech. It would be wise to get in touch with a good speech therapist who can analyze your youngster's difficulty and help him overcome them. Ask your doctor to recommend a good speech therapist. If you have trouble locating one, write to the American Speech and Hearing Association, Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. They will send you a list of qualified therapists in your area.

NOW HE KNOWS.

It was junior's birthday and the mailman brought him a book as a present from Aunt Alice.

"What is it?" he asked gloomily.

"That's what they call a book, dear," his mother explained. "It's what they make a movie out of for television."

Operation Deathwatch, the official 1959 Christmas-New Year's holiday traffic death count, includes two busy week-ends in its 12-day period this year, from 12:01 a. m. Wednesday, December 23, through 11:59 p. m. Sunday, January 3.

Progressive Dinner Given for Families of F&M Bank Affiliates

Annual Christmas party for the families of the officers, directors and employees of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank was held Tuesday evening.

The group enjoyed a progressive dinner which was served in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Tate May and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Russell. At the Russell home Santa gave everyone a gift.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryant of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Tate May, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Mary and George; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Margaret Ann, Bill and Jim; Lennie Greenway; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ford and Gary; Bona Rountree, Mrs. Lewis Yates; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones; Mrs. Clyde Newberry; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Greenway; Donald Young; Mr. and Mrs. James Wright; Judy Teichelman; and Jimmy Hale of Rotan.

Internal Revenue Is Seeking to Return Income Tax Overpay

The Dallas district office of the Internal Revenue Service has regular dealings (too regular as far as some of the taxpayers are concerned) with 2,000,000 people every year, declares Tax Man Sam in a release to The Herald. More than 700,000 refund checks are prepared and mailed to taxpayers principally on income taxes during the year. This year, as in the past years, there are still several thousand taxpayers that the Internal Revenue Service cannot locate because they have moved and forgot to give Internal Revenue Service their new addresses.

If you were due a refund and have not received your check, it would probably be a good idea to write Internal Revenue Service 2101 Pacific Avenue Dallas, Texas, giving the exact name and address on your tax return, your present address and the amount of refund due. They will be almost as happy to send your check to you as you are to receive it.

OPPORTUNITY.

"How much is the hotel bill?"

"Seventy-five dollars."

"Seventy-five dollars?"

"Yes—\$40 for room, \$35 for the meals."

"Thirty-five dollars for meals. But we didn't eat a meal here!"

"The meals were here. If you didn't eat them, that is your fault."

"Then I will charge for \$35 for kissing my wife."

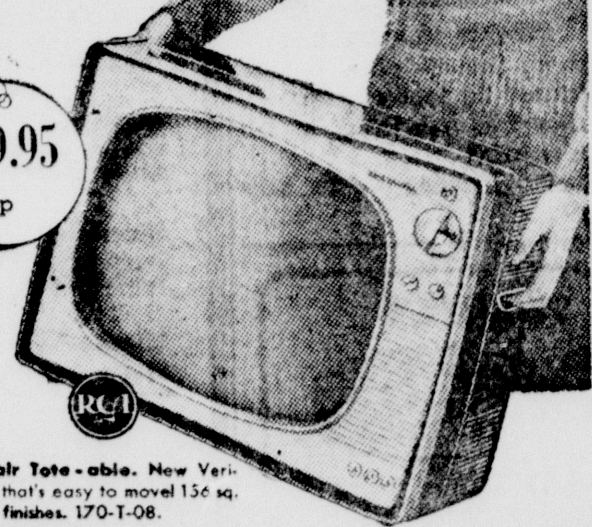
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"That's okay. She was here, fault."

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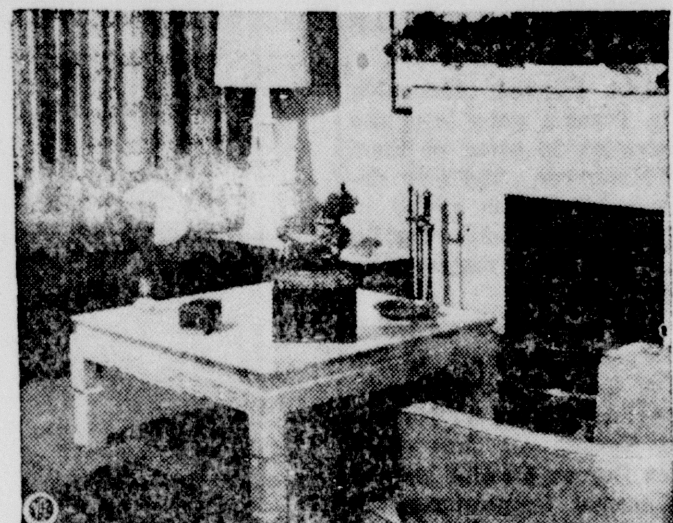
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FOR COZY CONVERSATION—Charm and chic are combined in this colorful conversational grouping. In this urban apartment living room, interior decorator Mary T. Lucher, NSID, blends harmonizing shades of blue and green in cotton slipcovers on the sofa, barrel-back chairs and throw pillows and in the cotton print draperies. A white cocktail table, lamp and fireplace set off these colors.

Methodist Women Hold Christmas Party

Members of the Hudson Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Elmer J. Hawkins for their Christmas party, at which time Lula Fletcher was especially honored.

There was no business session. Fruit cake and coffee were served to attendants by the hostess.

Mrs. L. C. Bonds reviewed the book, "Christmas Is Always" by Dale Evans Rogers.

POOR SPELLING.

"Good heavens! How terrible!" cried the professor as he finished reading the note left behind by his daughter who had run away.

"Why, whatever's the matter, dear?" asked his wife.

The professor handed her the letter.

"So she's eloped with that railroad," was the wife's calm comment. "Well, I can't say it's a complete surprise."

"But she's spelled 'eloped' with two l's!"

Twenty-three per cent of the adult pedestrians killed during 1957 had been drinking.

YOU CAN USUALLY FIND THAT HARD TO FIND ITEM AT BUIE'S IN STAMFORD FROM PIANOS TO WATER PUMPS-TRACTORS TO FURNITURE-SEE BUIE'S-STAMFORD.

Reception Follows Conner-Newland Rite

Immediately following the Conner-Newland wedding last Friday, a reception for attendants was given in the Conner home.

Serving were Mrs. B. H. Winter of Borger and Mrs. W. A. Fininis of Baytown.

Mrs. Doyle Combs played appropriate music.

Not a single child under four years of age met death in the Christmas-New Year's holiday traffic rush in Texas in 1958.

"Shoe Break" Gives Pick-Up of Energy for Workers During Day

The familiar "coffee break" now an American office institution, is being joined by the "shoe break."

More and more usual is the sight of a secretary arriving for work in spike-heeled shoes which she changes for trim but comfortable flats kept in her desk drawer. When she goes out to lunch, on go the high heels. When she comes back, on go the flats. When she goes home she changes once more to the high heels.

Recent research by foot specialists reveals that a change of shoes during the day rests the feet, and since aching feet can affect the whole nervous system, the change results in a general pick-up of energy.

The average sales girl covers the distance from Alaska to Hawaii during a year's work, reports the National Shoe Institute. The average letter carrier could walk around the earth at the equator in the distance his route takes him every year. And the average housewife walks miles every day in the course of her household chores.

For all such people the "shoe break" is recommended as an effective antidote for fatigue.

When words fail—try a few new ideas.

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Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford

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Austin.—For millions of Texans nothing will seem so important this week as being "home for Christmas."

Some will overlook the crucial importance of getting home alive. For the waiting families of accident victims, this Christmas and many more will be ruined.

Department of Public Safety has predicted 111 traffic deaths during the holidays. It's a massive death sentence. Governor Price Daniel is calling on Texas motorists to disprove the prediction with their own extreme driving care.

Nearly 11,000 letters have been mailed by the governor to college and public school officials, local traffic safety officials, local law enforcement agencies, news media and others, asking them to join in the safe Christmas campaign.

Over the years, December has been the deadliest month traffic-wise. Ironically, Christmas Day, the day of peace and good will, is frequently the worst for high-way killing.

If this year's estimate of 111 fatalities comes true, the 1959 holiday season will be one of the saddest in recent years. But Governor Daniel believes the estimate can be cut. He cites that year when the estimated toll was 95, but after a massive safety campaign, was held down to 63.

Law enforcement officers, the governor reminded, put in many overtime hours during the holidays, "helping motorists in trouble and removing from the highways those speeding, drinking, careless, reckless and law-breaking drivers who threaten the safety of others."

Governor Daniel directed a special plea to high school and college students who make up a big part of the swollen stream of holiday travel. Past figures show the odds are heavier against these young drivers. Those from 15 to 24 years old have 18 per cent of the drivers' licenses, 29 per cent of the accidents. A disproportionate one out of every four of last year's holiday accident victims was in this age bracket.

With each of these deaths, said the governor, we lost "a promising young Texan" and part of our hopes for the future.

Accentuate Positive. — Texas' safe drivers will be rewarded to the tune of \$20,000,000 saving in auto insurance rates next year, says the State Board of Insurance.

State insurance officials are accentuating the positive in talks on the new merit system insurance plan to go into effect January 1.

As expected, there have been some protests about penalty features of the plan.

Insurance board statistics show a majority of drivers will benefit from lower rates. Additionally, the board feels the insurance rewards will be an incentive to reducing the accident toll.

Of 23 family car owners, says Board Member Robert Strain, 13 will qualify for a 26 per cent discount, and four will pay the same rate they have been paying. Of the remaining six, he says, three will pay 20 per cent more and the remaining two from 60 to 100 per cent more. Persons with no accidents or

moving traffic violations for the past three years get the discount. Those with one accident or violation pay the same rate. Others pay higher rates.

Most criticism centers on the whopping increases assessed drivers with blots on their records. Each accident or violation counts against the driver for a period of three years.

Usual fine for stop sign running could be upped as much as 600 per cent by the time extra insurance costs were added on. People caught on inadvertently or relatively minor traffic errors are expected to kick up the dust when faced with the pay-through-the-nose penalties of the new insurance rates.

Insurance company officials, however, back up the board in saying the plan is statistically sound. One company executive called it a timely reminder that "the majority has been paying the costs for the recklessness and negligence of only a comparative handful of motorists."

How well the public will adjust to the change will be known only after it has been in effect a few months.

Peavy Elected.—State Board of Health has named Dr. J. E. Peavy as state commissioner of health.

Dr. Peavy moves to the department's top post after having served as director of the communicable diseases division and prior to that as a local director and a medical field consultant. He is a native of Lufkin.

State Health Board also elected Dr. J. B. Copeland of San Antonio as its chairman; Dr. Hampton C. Robinson of Houston, vice chairman; and Joe B. Winston of Mercedes, secretary.

Happy Holiday Christmas.—A state hospital for the mentally ill must have been a pretty grim place on Christmas Day in the days when people called them "insane asylums."

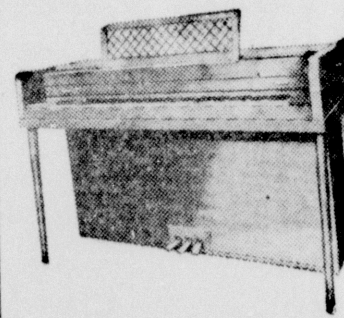
Few would know, because not many went around an "insane asylum" if they could help it.

Today, happily, it is different. This year every one of the more than 25,000 patients in the state hospital system will receive a Christmas present, and many special parties and festivities will be held.

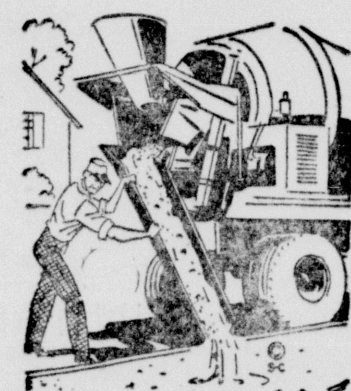
Volunteer Services Council for the Hospital System spearheads this monumental work performed by more than 32,000 persons at no cost to the state.

Change began some 10 years ago when church, civic and social club members began collecting items the patients needed, visiting them, and holding parties and

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classes. Many church circles and clubs "adopt" a ward each year, give a party a month, and get each patient what he especially wants at Christmas.

As the volunteers became more at ease in their work, their revised attitudes and terminology became more general. "Asylum" was replaced by "hospital" or "school" and "inmate" by "patient" and sometimes "friend."

Some Austin churches proudly number in their membership patients who have recovered and resumed normal community life.

ing health, welfare and education of Texas children has been released by the governor's conference on children and youth.

Making kindergartens a part of the public school system and making the child labor law apply to those 14-and-under were primary recommendations.

Special holiday studies by the National Safety Council showed that 55 per cent of the Christmas season fatal traffic accidents involved a drinking driver.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has officially predicted that 111 Texans will be killed in the Christmas-New Year's holiday traffic this year.

Freight Carloadings For Santa Fe Decline

Freight carloadings for the Santa Fe Railway System for the week ending December 12, 1959, were 24,593 compared with 24,975 for the same week a year ago, reflecting a slight decline. Cars received from connections totaled 11,633 compared with 11,021 for the same week a year ago.

Total cars moved were 36,226 compared with 35,996 for the same week a year ago. Santa Fe handled a total of 34,809 cars in the preceding week this year.

Nothing is so empty as a day without a plan.

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Sandwich Spread	Plant Lunch Box, Jar	29¢	

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Spiced Peaches	Hamel Whole, No. 2's	19¢	
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Del Monte Beans	Whole Beans, No. 303 Can	23¢	

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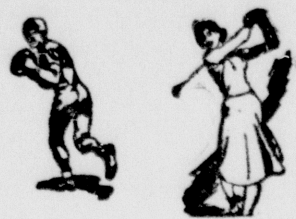
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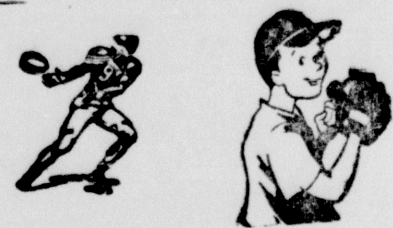
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The Herald's Page of Sports



Stamford Rolls to State Title With 19-14 Win Over Brady

Melee Featured By Rough Play, Many Penalties

Stamford High School's fighting Bulldogs, winners of the District AA football title, finished the long trail to the state Class AA grid title Friday night at San Angelo when they defeated the strong Brady team, 19-14.

Stamford's edge over the Brady gridgers had the score disclosed. It was Stamford's fourth state football championship.

Quarterback Tom Lovvorn led the Stamford crew to two first half touchdowns and another in the third quarter. He also scored twice, on runs of 11 and two yards.

The third touchdown was a 17-yard pass to end Duane Lindsey from Lovvorn in the third quarter. Lindsey kicked the only extra point.

Brady, stunned by the overwhelming and great Stamford defense in the first half that allowed the losers only one first down, stormed back in the second half with a passing assault that broke the game into a wild affair that saw three pass interceptions and two fumbles—each and every one a key one.

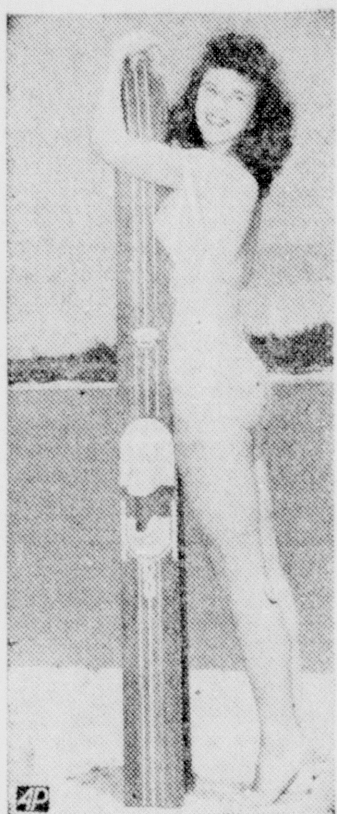
The melee was a rough and tumble affair that saw a number of penalties, however, Stamford took four of the six penalties of the tilt.

Stamford made 17 first downs with 183 yards on the ground and 125 yards made by completing eight of 13 pass throws. Brady made eight first downs with 71 yards rushing and 87 yards rolled up by completing five or 14 pass tosses.

Henry W. Collins Is Sugar Group Official

Henry W. Collins was elected a director of South Coast Corporation, New Orleans based sugar growers and processors, at a meeting of the board of directors in Chicago last week, Joseph J. Munson, president, announced in a release to The Herald.

Collins is president and a director of the Celotex Corporation, world's largest manufacturer of insulation and acoustical products, and a director of South Shore Oil & Development Company. Celotex has a plant at Hamlin.



LONG STRETCH—Little Lora Slovak can't quite measure up to the height of the water skis but she can enjoy skiing on Corpus Christi's Sunset Lake through many of the colder months on the Texas tropical coast.

Rodeo Fans to Witness Dallas Finals Show

Rodeo fans from a wide area are planning to converge on Dallas for the historic first National Finals Rodeo, to be staged December 26 to 30 in the new State Fair Livestock Coliseum. Tickets orders have been received from virtually every state in the U. S., including Alaska and Hawaii.

The first real "world series of rodeo" will also be the first rodeo in the history of the cowboy sport in which only the top 15 money winners of the year in each rodeo event are qualified to compete, thus making the national finals a genuine "tournament of champions." The contestants will come from 18 states and Canada.

Club Boys Priming Stock for Area Show

Club boys and girls of Jones County are priming their stock for entry in the 1960 Abilene Aft Stock Show, which will be held January 23 to 27, according to leaders of the exposition.

Entry deadline is January 18, and all 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America members are urged to contact their county agent or vocational agriculture teachers or entry cards and further information.

Sweetwater Crews Win Both Sections In Hamlin Tourney

Sweetwater boys' and girls' basketball teams last Saturday took the championships in both division of the invitational basketball tournament staged at Hamlin by DePriest Colored School. The day-long tournament play, staged in the Hamlin High School gymnasium, attracted scores of fans from the eight participating West Central Texas schools represented.

Munday Panthers were right on the heels of the Sweetwater crews, and took both the boys' and girls' second place trophies.

Coleman Panthers boys' team were awarded the sportsmanship trophy, and the Hamlin girls' team was awarded the sportsmanship trophy in the girls' division.

Highest scoring game was between Woodson of Abilene and Munday, when a total of 120 was rolled up. Munday made the highest number of points with 85 in the Abilene tilt.

James Webb of Munday was high point scorer for the boys, making 32 marks in one game. Lalais Attaway was highest individual scorer for the girls, looping 29 points.

Both the DePriest teams lost their first round games. The Steers lost to Munday 32 to 29. The Steerettes lost their opener to Sweetwater 44 to 18.

Virgil L. Wilson of Hamlin Gets ROTC Good Conduct Ribbon

Virgil L. Wilson, son of Mrs. Pearl Wilson of Hamlin and a sophomore student at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, was among 20 Tech ROTC cadets recently awarded good conduct ribbons at a brigade review.

Wilson completed a semester of basic Army ROTC courses without demerits and with a B average in ROTC training to win the ribbon.

Colonel James B. Carvey, professor of military science and tactics at Tech, made the awards. Young Wilson, a 1957 graduate of Hamlin High School, was an outstanding student at HHS. He distinguished himself as a football player with the Pied Pipers for three years. He was an employee of The Hamlin Herald for four years.

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SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD—Don Meredith of Southern Methodist University receives the tenth annual Kiwanis Sportsmanship Award in Fort Worth from R. V. Nichols (center), Kiwanis president, as Matty Bell, SMU athletic director (left) looks on.

Full Schedule of Basketball Games on Menu for Four Teams at High School

Three boys' and one girls' basketball teams at Hamlin High School are having a busy season on the courts with squads of other schools of the area. Play began November 17, and will continue through next February 12.

Five tournaments for the teams are on the menu for the squads besides pre-conference and practice tilts.

The complete schedule for the four teams follows: Complete schedules, as announced this week by the school, are given below:

November 17—Girls vs. Merkel girls at Merkel at 6:30 p. m.

November 19—Girls and boys against Roby at Roby at 7:00 p. m.

November 24—Girls and boys against Avoca at Hamlin at 7:00 p. m.

December 1—Girls and boys against Avoca at Avoca at 7:00 p. m.

December 3, 4 and 5—Girls and boys in invitational tournament at Hamlin beginning at 2:30 p. m. Thursday.

December 7—Girls against Merkel girls at Hamlin at 6:30 p. m.

December 8—A and B boys against Winters at Hamlin beginning at 6:30 p. m.

December 10, 11 and 12—Boys only in tournament at Haskell.

December 15—A and B boys against Winters at Winters, beginning at 6:30 p. m.

December 15—Freshmen boys and girls against Wylie at Hamlin, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

December 18—Freshmen, B and A boys against Merkel at Merkel beginning at 5:30 p. m.

December 22—B and A boys against Colorado City at Hamlin beginning at 6:30 p. m.

December 28—Boys against Rotan in scrimmage at Hamlin beginning at 4:00 p. m.

December 29—Girls and boys against Roby at Hamlin beginning at 7:00 p. m.

December 31—Boys against Rotan in scrimmage at Rotan at 4:00 p. m.

January 2—B and A boys against Colorado City at Colorado City beginning at 6:30 p. m.

January 4—Girls against Winters at Winters at 6:30 p. m.

January 5—Freshmen, B and A boys against Merkel at Hamlin beginning at 5:30 p. m.

January 7, 8 and 9—Boys only in tournament at Stamford.

January 7, 8 and 9—Girls only in tournament at Hawley.

January 12—B and A boys in first District 6-AA games against Seymour at Hamlin beginning at 6:30 p. m.

January 12—Freshmen boys and A girls against Wylie at Wylie beginning at 7:00 p. m.

January 15—Girls against Winters at Hamlin at 6:00 p. m.

January 19—Girls, B and A boys against Anson (conference) at Anson beginning at 5:30 p. m.

January 22—B and A boys against Stamford (conference) at Hamlin beginning at 6:30 p. m.

January 26—Girls, B and A boys against Haskell (conference) at Haskell beginning at 5:30 p. m.

January 29—B and A boys against Seymour (conference) at Seymour beginning at 6:30 p. m.

February 2—B and A boys against Abilene Christian College High School at Hamlin beginning at 6:30 p. m.

January 4, 5 and 6—Girls only in tournament at Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene.

January 5—B and A boys against Anson (conference) at Hamlin beginning at 6:30 p. m.

February 9—B and A boys against Stamford (conference) at Stamford beginning at 6:30 p. m.

February 12—Girls, B and A boys against Haskell (conference) at Hamlin beginning at 5:30 p. m.

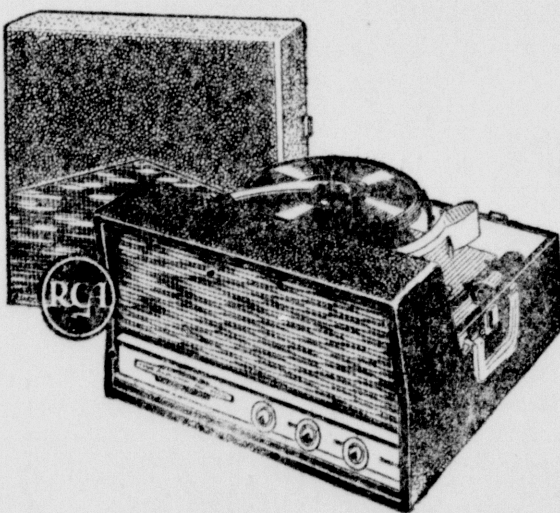
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Of the 63 Texans killed in the Christmas-New Year's holiday traffic in 1958, 18 were young Texans of public school and college age.

High School Cagers Beat Merkel Twice

Hamlin High School boys' basketball crews took both ends of a double bill played Friday night on the Merkel High School court. The Hamlin first string dumped the Badgers by a 43 to 29 score. Robinson was high pointer for the Pied Pipers with 12 tallies, and Ronnie Reeger hit 10 points for the Badgers.

Hamlin cagers won the B tilt by a score of 36 to 28.

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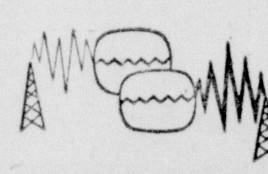
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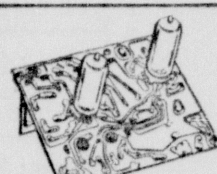
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Roger W. Babson's Annual Forecast in Herald to Touch Varied Topics of Day

Following a custom for several years, The Hamlin Herald will publish Roger W. Babson's business and financial forecast for 1960 in its issue for next week, December 31.

Babson's 1960 forecast will contain outstanding forecasts covering such important topics as: General business, commodity prices, taxes, trade, labor, inflation, farm outlook, stock market, real estate and politics.

We are calling this feature to your attention because we believe that every one of our readers will find it of inestimable value.

Babson, a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics, enjoys an unusual record of accuracy in his annual forecasts. His score for 1959 was 84 per cent accurate.

Forecast for rate	Actual rate	Forecast for rate	Actual rate
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American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of both religion and advertising in business.

Born and reared in an old fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities in which his father was engaged.

HAS EYE SURGERY.

F. M. (Pistol) Crow, long time resident of the Hamlin community, was back in town last week greeting friends, following a series of eye treatments. He underwent two major operations on his eyes at an Abilene hospital several days ago.

The Herald has carbon paper.

New Type Trade Drawing Planned For Hamlin Soon

Appreciation Day will be discontinued in Hamlin after the drawing Wednesday of this week, according to Joe Hudspeth, trade development committee head for the Board of Community Development.

Hudspeth explained that a similar program would take the place of the Appreciation Day drawing. The new program is designed to allow more prizes to be given each week and allow a larger grand prize at least once a month.

Hudspeth explained that the program would be this: One ticket will be drawn each week for \$50. If the lucky person is present, he will receive \$50 and there will be no more drawing. If the name drawn is not present, three other drawings will be held for \$5, \$10 and \$15, draw until three winners are present.

Once a month there will be one drawing for half the treasury in place of the \$50. If the lucky person is not present, the treasury will build up for another month.

Either \$50 or \$30 will be given away each week regardless, Hudspeth stated. This will give those with tickets present for the drawing a better chance of winning a prize.

Tickets will be given on the basis of one for \$1 up to \$10 purchases; two tickets from \$10 to \$25 purchases; and three tickets for purchases over \$25.

William T. Bevan of Hamlin Reassigned To Weapons School

Staff Sergeant William T. Bevan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bennett of 353 South Seventh Street, after a year of remote duty at a radar site near King Salmon Airport, Alaska, has been assigned to work in the U. S. Air Force Weapons Controller School at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.

Only school of its kind in the Air Force, it is here that the Air Training Command prepares USAF and Marine Corps officers and officers of countries in alliance with the United States to direct work of air defense early warning systems against air-borne intruders. Sergeant Bevan, a highly skilled radar operator, is assisting in the training of these officers.

A career airman, Sergeant Bevan has earned his high school diploma through off-duty study since entering the service in 1954.

Sergeant Bevan's father is employed by the West Texas Drilling Company.

Carroll L. Sumrall Takes Missile Course

Army Sergeant Carroll L. Sumrall, 24, whose wife, Mikie, lives at 676½ Washington Street in Stephenville, completed the 13-week guided missile electrical equipment installation and repair course October 16 at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, according to a release from the base.

Sergeant Sumrall was trained to install, operate and repair high output generators, motors, frequency changers, power distribution systems, elevator control systems and other engineer equipment employed by guided missile units.

He entered the Army in 1952. The sergeant attended Stephenville High School. His mother, Mrs. Jim Young, lives on Route 3, Hamlin.

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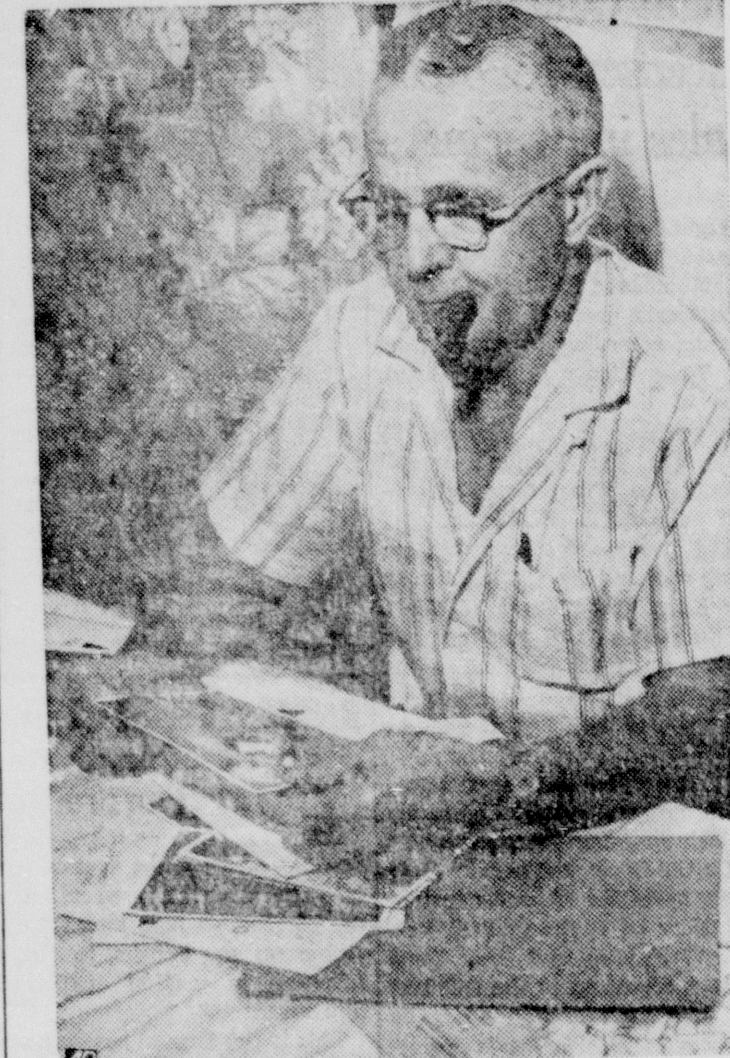
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SEEKS TREASURE—John R. Shown, retired Air Force sergeant at Wichita Falls, looks over some of the dozens of pictures, drawings and letters he has accumulated over the past 40 years in a search for the multi-million dollar "Ex Arrow" treasure in Wise County.

Recent Changes in Income Tax Rules Permit More Machinery Depreciation

Some taxpayers may overlook recent changes in income tax regulations that could reduce their 1959 tax. One new feature is the 20 per cent first year depreciation on tangible personal property. Farm and ranch operators should know the limitations on this special depreciation option in order to decide whether to use it, according to C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

To be eligible for this first year write-off, the property must have a useful life of six or more years. Usually a tractor or combine will qualify. Also, the property must have been purchased. Bates said any asset acquired by gift or inheritance does not qualify.

Maximum amount on which this depreciation can be taken is \$10,000 on a separate return and \$20,000 on a joint return. However, explains the specialist, this limitation may include several items of property to make up the total.

The full 20 per cent additional depreciation can be taken on equipment bought in December so it enables quick recovery of this much of the cost. Then, the

regular yearly depreciation can be set up for the remaining cost, less salvage value. For example, a tractor bought on December 5 for \$4,200 would be allowed \$840 first year depreciation. In addition, one month's regular depreciation would be allowed. If a salvage value of \$160 is set up, the annual straight line depreciation on an eight-year basis would be \$400. Depreciation for the month of December would be \$33. So the total depreciation allowance on this tractor for 1959 would be \$873 (\$840 plus \$33). In 1960 the depreciation allowance on the straight line method would be \$400.

Some situations in which this additional first year depreciation might be beneficial tax-wise are: In years of unusually high net income, and in periods when considerable borrowed capital is needed for beginning or expanding operations. Also, in case of casualty losses involving considerable equipment, such as a fire, windstorm or flood. Bates said the advantage of large depreciation allowances would "cushion" the

L. W. Husley, Ex-McCauley Farmer, Passes at Abilene

Former long time resident of the McCauley community, southwest of Hamlin, L. W. Husley, 88-year-old retired farmer, died last Wednesday morning at St. Ann Hospital in Abilene, after a brief illness. He had entered the hospital Tuesday afternoon.

Born September 28, 1871, in Georgia, Husley moved to Texas with his family when he was 12 years old, settling in Palo Pinto County. He married Mary Dell St. Clair on November 11, 1897, at Meridian. They lived at McCauley from 1920 until moving to Abilene three years ago.

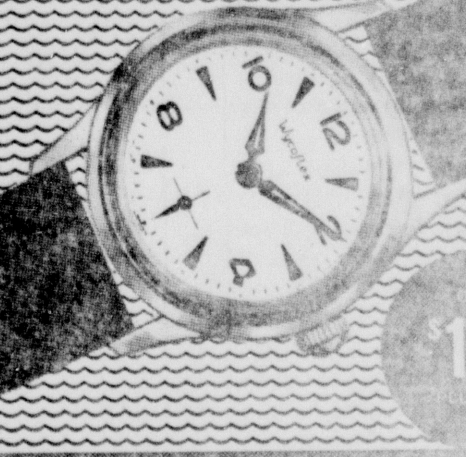
Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Sylvester. Rev. David Hartman, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Sylvester Cemetery under the direction of Lawrence Funeral Home of Anson. Grandsons acted as pallbearers.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, LeRoy Husley of Phantom Hill Lake, Jim E. Husley of Iowa Park, Henry W. Husley of Fort Worth and Robert S. Husley of McCauley; two daughters, Mrs. M. J. Goodman of Abilene and Mrs. Glenn Carter of Route 3, Hamlin; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

financial shock of re-investing in equipment needed.

For a complete explanation of this and other newer features of the tax regulations, obtain a copy of the 1960 Farmer's Tax Guide. It is available from your local county agricultural agent and from the Internal Revenue Service

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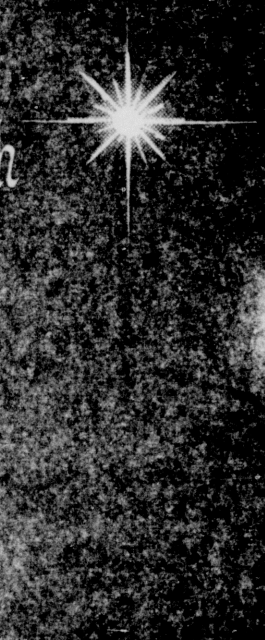


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TELEPHONE TALK
by Bob Bresnahan, Manager

Looking Back—And Forward

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We are looking forward to serving you to the best of our ability in the coming year. If we can help in any way, please let us know.

Announce Your Gift with TinyPhone

I was walking down Central Avenue the other day, looking at all the nice things our Hamlin businessmen have on display for Christmas in their store windows, and just about everything I saw would make a mighty fine gift for somebody.

But I guess that's where the Christmas shopping problem comes in—picking the right gift for the right person.

If you're stumped about what to give, I know a gift that's always right—right for Christmas, right the year 'round. It's an extension telephone in color. A color phone beautifies the home and is a faithful servant in the kitchen, the bedroom, the den—wherever it's needed most.

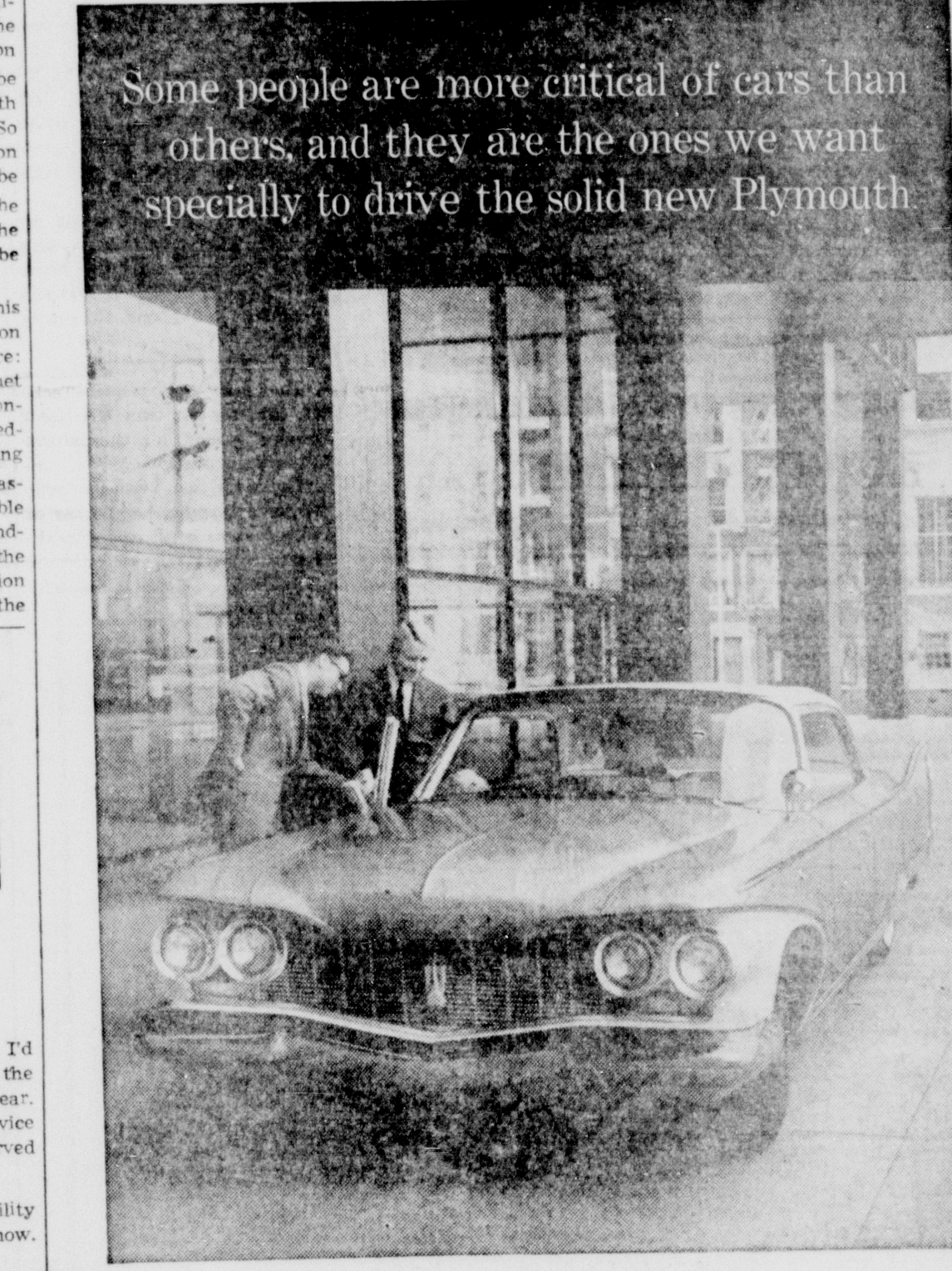
Now, here's real news: When you order one as a gift—for your wife, your teen-agers, a relative or a friend—we'll send you a miniature color phone absolutely free. Packed in a colorful box and ready to be placed under the Christmas tree, it's a wonderful way to announce to that lucky person that a color telephone is on its way.

Call the telephone company today to order an extension telephone in color, and get that miniature phone while the supply lasts.

Holiday Greetings

I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of us here at the telephone company, to extend our very best wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Plans for Annual BCD Membership Banquet Shaping

Plans for the annual banquet of the Hamlin Board of Community Development on January 29 are shaping up nicely, according to W. T. Johnson, director of the membership committee.

Johnson made his report at a committee meeting in the BCD office Thursday morning and set a goal of 500 tickets to be sold. The report was to Fred B. Moore Jr., president.

Moore stressed the importance of the annual meeting. He said: "Here is where members have a chance to see first hand results of people working together . . . see how their investment is paying off in many civic improvements, more business for trade center, etc."

Speaker for the banquet will be George Jordan, Brownwood businessman and formerly manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Brownwood and Breckenridge. Jordan is a dynamic speaker and is recognized as one of the most outstanding executives in the Chamber of Commerce circles throughout the southwestern division of the United States.

The banquet will be held in the high school gymnasium Friday evening, January 29, at 7:00 o'clock.

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"How nice of you to give it to me! What is it?"

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Wife — "I'm terribly worried. My husband thinks he is a horse." Psychiatrist — "I believe I can cure him, but it will take quite a lot of money."

Wife — "Oh, money is no object, doctor. He just won the Belmont Stakes."

There's really one thing wrong with the younger generation—a lot of us don't belong to it any more.

TB Christmas Seal Leaders Express Thanks for Funds

Officers of the Jones County Tuberculosis Association this week are expressing thanks to all those people of the area who assisted and all those who contributed in the Christmas tuberculosis seal sale campaign to make it the very best seal sale in the history of the organization, according to Mrs. W. L. Hunter Jr. of Hamlin, executive secretary of the group.

Special thanks, she says go to The Hamlin Herald for publicity, to Darwin Barnes of the Ferguson Theater for running the Jack Webb film, and to the post office authorities for distributing the 5,000 seal sale letters to county contributors.

"Funds will be used to the very best advantage for research, education and rehabilitation in the fight against tuberculosis," declares Mrs. Hunter. She points out that the biggest percentage of the funds raised will be used right here in Jones County.

Officers for the county unit are John C. Bryant, president; Mrs. W. L. Hunter Jr., executive secretary; Mrs. E. M. Wilson, seal sale chairman; and Lennie Greenway, treasurer.

"They say you married your wife because her aunt left her a fortune," a man in a club informed his companion.

"That's no true," was the reply. "I'd have married her no matter who left it to her."

Eight Concerns Licensed for Beer Sales in Precinct

Eight concerns have been licensed to operate beer selling establishments in the Old Glory (southeast) precinct of Stonewall County, according to advice from the Texas Liquor Control Board. Two of the establishments are now open on U. S. Highway 83 just over the Fisher-Stonewall County line, about four and one-half miles north of Hamlin.

The two nearest concerns are being operated by C. S. Coleman under the trade name of Oasis, on the east side of the highway. Second concern, operated as the South Side Package Store, is being operated by Roy R. Rutherford.

Other licenses have been issued to Garrett F. Spitzer, operating as Midway Package Store, north of the Old Glory post office; M. C. Webb, operating 10 miles east of Old Glory on Highway 24; Warren W. Frazier and Lee Owen Frazier, operating as the Hill Top, one mile west of Old Glory on Highway 24; Hollis Davis operating as The Outpost, three miles east of Old Glory; C. L. Guinn, operating at D. & G. Place, 4.3 miles southeast of Old Glory on Highway 380; and J. B. Collins, operating west of Old Glory post office.

Most of the concerns opened for business Thursday week, it is reported.

The Old Glory precinct voted in October by nine votes to make legal the sale of beer in a previously dry area. The sectional legalization of beer sales was provided by acts passed by the Texas Legislature.

Heretofore the nearest place to Hamlin where beer could be purchased legally was Stephens County (Breckenridge).

Gifts of Food Make Ideal Remembrances

The Christmas season is traditionally marked by tasty things to eat. And food gifts made in your kitchen add a personal note to the celebration. Such gifts say "Merry Christmas" with an especially warm touch. From a practical standpoint, they're easy on the pocketbook, too.

Perhaps your family has some special recipe for cookies, cakes or puddings. Whatever it is, home-made food gifts are easy to make and delightful to receive.

When wrapping food gifts, let your imagination have a free rein. Clever packages can be made from plastic refrigerator dishes, wicker bread and cracker baskets, cookie sheets or a wooden cutting board.

"Under the influence" means that due to drinking alcohol a person has lost (to any degree) some of the clearness of mind and self control that he would otherwise possess.

Cotton Quiz



Eradication of Cancer Seen Possible, States Medical Researcher

"Goal of all effort against cancer—the eventual eradication of the disease—now seems to be visible on the horizon, thanks to advances in medical and scientific research."

This is the hopeful note sounded by Dr. John R. Heller, director of the federal government's National Cancer Institute, before over 500 volunteers of the American Cancer Society attending the fourteenth annual meeting of the society's Texas division last week in Houston. Jones County chapter was represented by T. J. Adams.

In the early part of the century, Dr. Heller told Texas cancer control leaders, a cancer patient had little hope of surviving. "Today," he declared, "we are saving one out of every three persons who have cancer, or 150,000 lives a year."

Signal Light Being Installed at Crossing

Workmen have been busy for several days making preparations to install a new electrically operated warning light on the Santa Fe Railway crossing of Highway 92 (to Stamford) in Northeast Hamlin.

Two blinking automatically operated standards will be erected at the crossing. With approach of trains to the crossing the lights will automatically be actuated by the trains.

AND THEN . . .

"Would you mind repeating what you said?" asked the psychiatrist of his new patient.

"I said," yelled the man, "that for some reason nobody seems to like me! Why don't you pay attention, you thimble-brained fat-head!"

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Ominous Death Toll Estimated for Holiday Traffic

One hundred and eleven persons will die violently in Texas traffic accidents during the forthcoming Christmas-New Year holiday if predictions released this week by the Texas Department of Public Safety hold true.

The ominous forecast came from Colonel Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety, for a 12-day period extending from 12:01 a. m. December 23 through 11:59 p. m. January 3.

The 111 predicted motorcyclists are included in an estimate made by Department Statistician N. K. Woerner, which indicates that 200 persons will die in violence during the period. The breakdown is as follows: Motorcycles, 111; homicides and suicides, 47; accidental deaths non-traffic, 42; grand total, 200.

"This Christmas-New Year holiday is expected to be one of the most dangerous for drivers that we have experienced for some time. Not only is the holiday period longer in the number of days it covers, but this has been a prosperous year for drivers and more cars are on the road."

"This year's accident rate is running considerably ahead of that of last year, and we can naturally expect this trend to carry throughout the holiday. One other factor adds to our dim forecast. Both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Friday, making two extra long week-ends within the holiday period."

"The best I can say is that I hope we are wrong. We can be wrong if Texas motorists will take common sense precautions in driving."

In spite of the past and present efforts to increase safety education and traffic enforcement, too many drinking drivers are still operating on our streets and highways.

Legends of Christmas Trees Spread to World

The Christmas tree symbol emerges from old legends that date back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Germany, however, is generally given credit for tree decorations and gift giving, customs which originated in the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries. These practices slowly spread into Northern Europe and from there to America.

An American trademark can be placed on the custom of outdoor tree decorating, the symbol of community spirit. The best known outside displays in America are found on the White House lawn at Washington and the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.

Small amounts of alcohol reduce judgment, self control and driving ability.

Retired Taxpayers Now Entitled to More Return Exemptions

Retired taxpayers have been given a lot of extra tax deductions by Congress, declares Tax Man Sam in a release to The Herald, who says it is very important that taxpayers with retired income read their instructions. Here are some of the benefits:

1. An extra personal exemption for the taxpayer over 65. This can mean two extra exemptions—the husband and the wife.
2. Up to \$240 retirement income credit for the taxpayer. This is a reduction in the amount of taxes you pay. You may be due this credit for both husband wife. The community property law gives double credit in some cases or it can make you lose your credit in other cases.
3. A tax credit for your pension or annuity.

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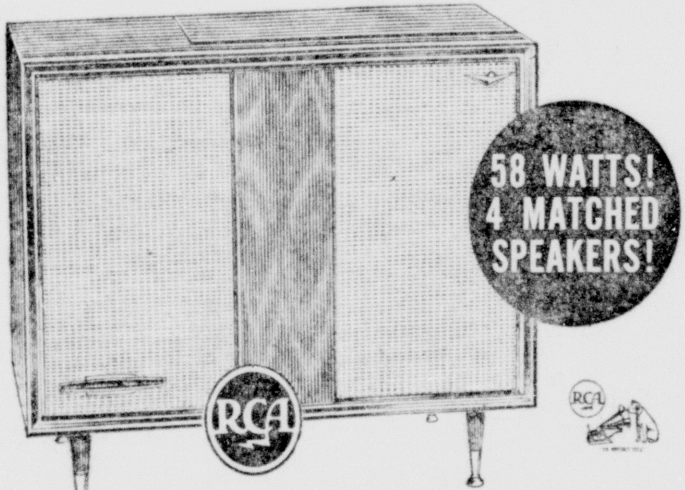
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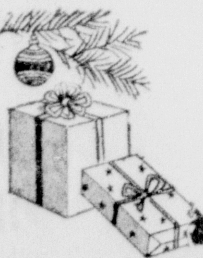
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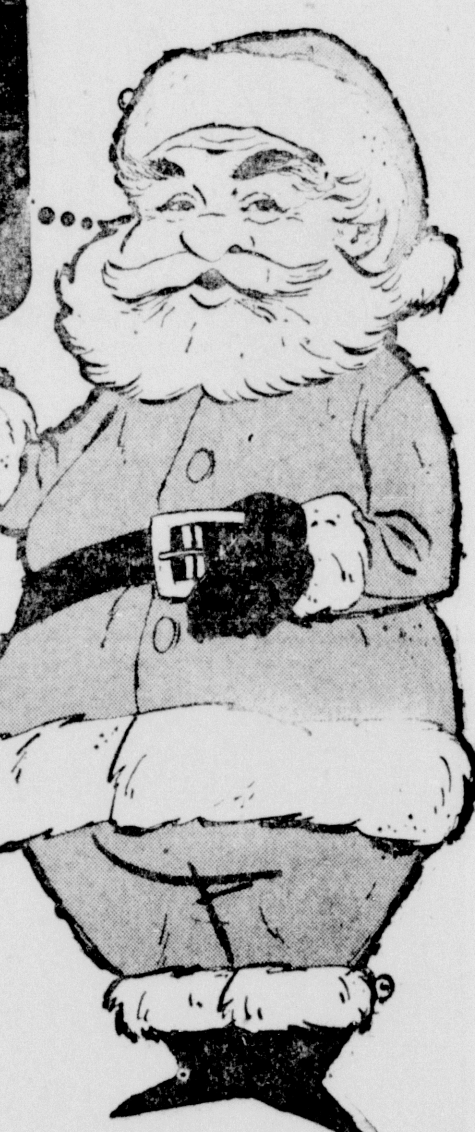
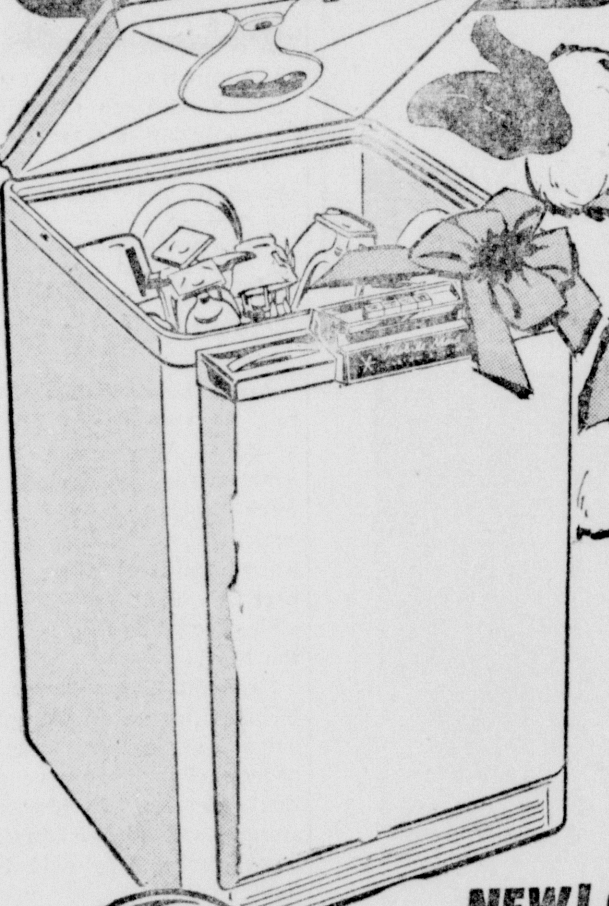
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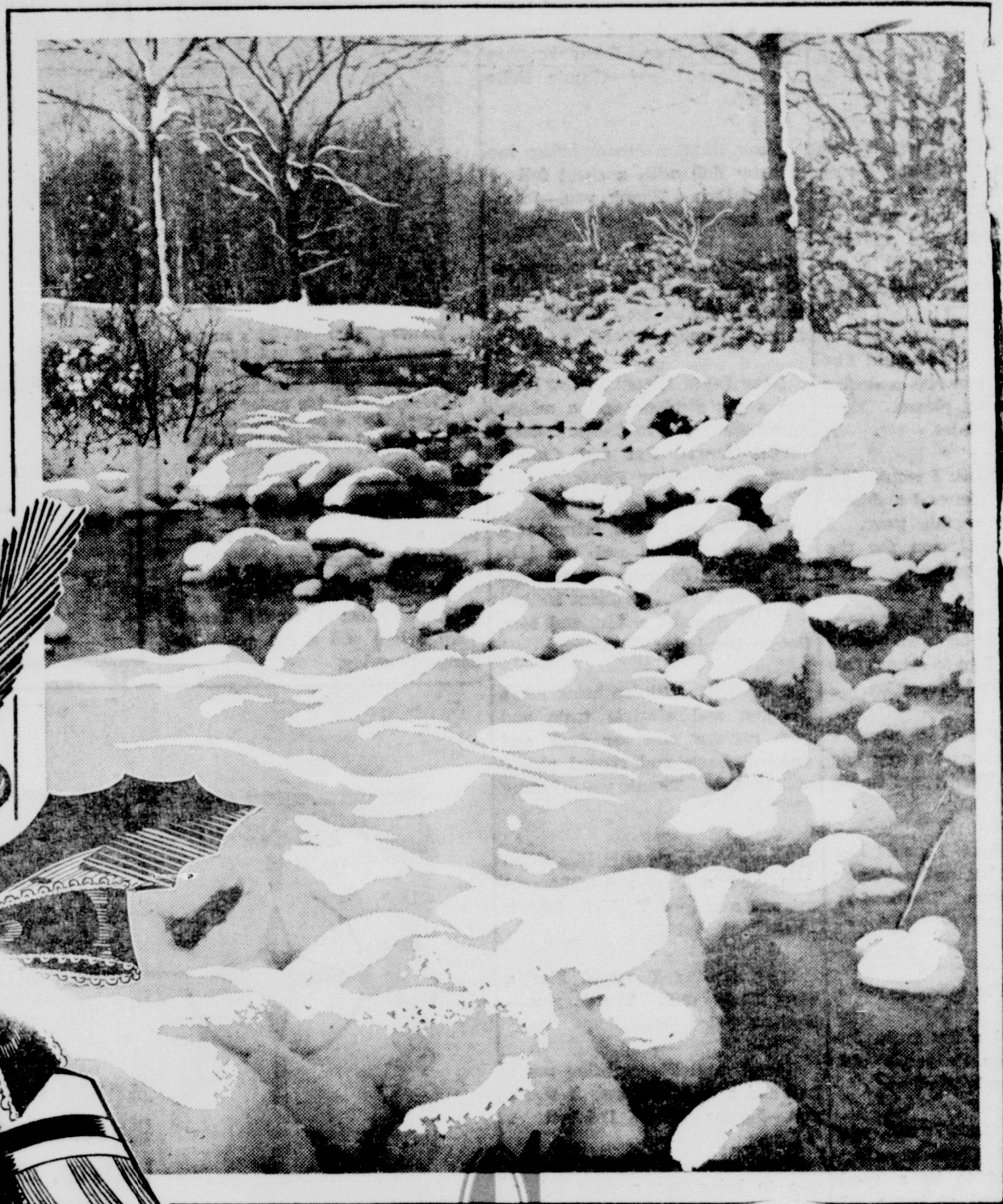
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LETTERS FROM SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: Please come to see me, and bring me a doll and mouse shoes and a record player. I'm my cousin, Dickie, a battleship. You might carry my friend, Pat White, a ballet suit. She lives in San Angelo. I love you—Patty Pattillo.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little fellow nearly four years old. I have been a good boy most of the time, and my little sister, Regina Kay, has been good too. Please bring her some toys of her own so she won't play with mine all the time. I would like an electric train and an airplane and a car or two. We love you.—Ricki and Regina Kay Bell.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a Josh Randall gun and a doctor set for Christmas, please. Your friend—Mary Morales.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a Josh Randall gun and a doctor set for Christmas this year. I like school. Thank you for the presents.—Daily Pender.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a football suit, some boots and spurs for Christmas. I go to school this year. Your friend—Joe Cox.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a Josh Randall gun and a toy dog for Christmas. Thank you. Santa—Carl Ford.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a baseball and bat and catcher's mitt for Christmas. Thank you, Santa, for a record player, too.—Mark Madden.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a football game, a Wells-Fargo stage coach and a toy train for Christmas. I am six years old. Thank you—Alcario Mendoza.

Dear Santa Claus: Thank you for a wonderful Christmas last year. I've tried to be a good pupil at school and at home. I am taking piano now. Please bring me something you think a nine-year-old would like. Love—Dubby Jones.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ballerina doll, an electric iron and ironing board, and a toy sewing machine for Christmas. Your friend—Marsha Westmoreland.

Dear Santa: Please come to see me, and bring me an Army suit. I have tried to be good this year. Love—Brad Stallcup, age seven.

Dear Santa Claus: Please come to see me at Christmas and bring me a ballet doll, a red wagon and a play house. I am six years old. Your friend—Connie Belle Conner.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a baby doll with a chest full of doll clothes. Thank you.—Rosalina Lechuga.

Dear Santa: I want a musical juke box, a bicycle and a ballet doll for Christmas. Thank you, Santa.—Marsha Hester.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a gas airplane and a midget race car for Christmas. Don't forget Teresa, Pat and Christi. Your friend—Greg Perrin.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a train and 22-rifle and two bike tires and a BB gun and a jungle set. Thank you.—William McRae.

P. S.—I want a Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head also.—William.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a BB gun and electric train and cash register and car dash and gun-ball bank and record player and records. Thank you.—Lanny McRae.

Dear Santa: I would like a BB gun and a have-gun-will-travel set and a striped T shirt. Thank you.—Earl Webb.

Dear Santa: I would like a Tiny Tears doll. Thank you.—Barbara Price.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a ball and a cash register. I thank you.—Norma Taness Driskell.

Dear Santa: I would like you to bring me a rifle set, a Commando Jr. set and a tent. Thank you.—Charlie Sellers.

Dear Santa Claus: I would be so happy to get a football suit, boxing gloves, guns and a bicycle. Thank you.—Steve Willingham.

Dear Santa: I would like three guns, a doctor's set, a Zoro set and a black-board. Thank you.—David Mullings.



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Dear Santa: I would like a gun, a bicycle and that's all.—Fernando Rangel.

Dear Santa: I would like to have a ball and a BB gun.—Domingo Oranday.



• Our wish is simple...but sincere

• May you enjoy a Merry Christmas

• And a Happy New Year too!

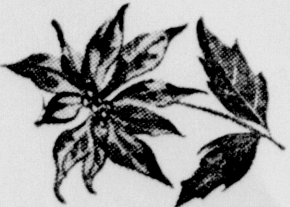
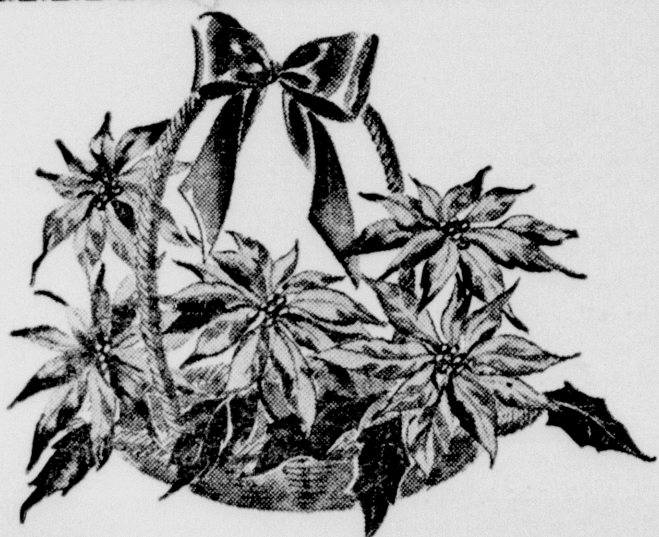
All the Folks at Winn's

Again as the wondrous Christmas season opens our hearts, we sense something of the miracle and mystery of the first Christmas.

May the blessed Yuletide spirit bring to you and yours all the peace and happiness that the first Christmas brought to the Wise Men.

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New Year Celebration in Old China Combines All Holidays Rolled in One

Our New Year celebration is equally gay, perhaps, but still short lived in comparison with the observance that took place in Old China.

In the ancient land of China the New Year celebration lasted from three days to two weeks and its revelry equalled all of our holidays rolled into one. Family gatherings are as traditional in China as in the rest of the world, but there was also the constant burst of exploding firecrackers, gala feasts and the exchanging of gay presents and cards. The Chinese, too, considered it wise to visit friends and to pay debts at the start of the New Year.

Mankind's first celebration of the New Year is lost somewhere in the pages of time. It is certain, however, that January 1 has not always been the date celebrated.

The Egyptians considered the overflowing of the Nile the start of a new year and consequently celebrated during the month of June. The Romans and Babylonians began their year in March.

January 1 did not become universally celebrated until 1752 when Great Britain joined the other European countries which had already adopted the Gregorian calendar.

The Jewish calendar now reads 5719 in relation to 1959 A. D. The Jews observe one-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox, beginning on Rosh Hashana and ending on Yom Kippur.

Japanese bells ring out 108 times at midnight on New Year's Eve, ushering in the New Year and reminding the people of the 108 commandments of Buddha.

Among the ancient customs still observed is the practice of scattering parched beans about the house, supposedly to drive away evil influences and invite good luck to enter the home.

In earlier times, the flimsy con-

struction of Japanese homes made them fire hazards, and made firemen popular heroes in Japan. One of the outstanding features of New Year's Day is the annual demomeshidi—parade of the fire brigade.

Among the early New Year superstitions was the "dipping" custom. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger. The text, solemnly read and interpreted, was believed indicative of the luck—good or bad—that was in store during the year.

Waiting for the new year in is one of the oldest and most universal of all celebrations. Whether the greeting is "Bonne Annee" such as in France; "Frohe Weihnachten" as one would say in Germany; or "Happy New Year" as we say here, it is a good time to be merry and to join in a sincere toast to the future and whatever fortune it may hold.

Testing of Christmas Tree Will Help to Make Purchase Safer

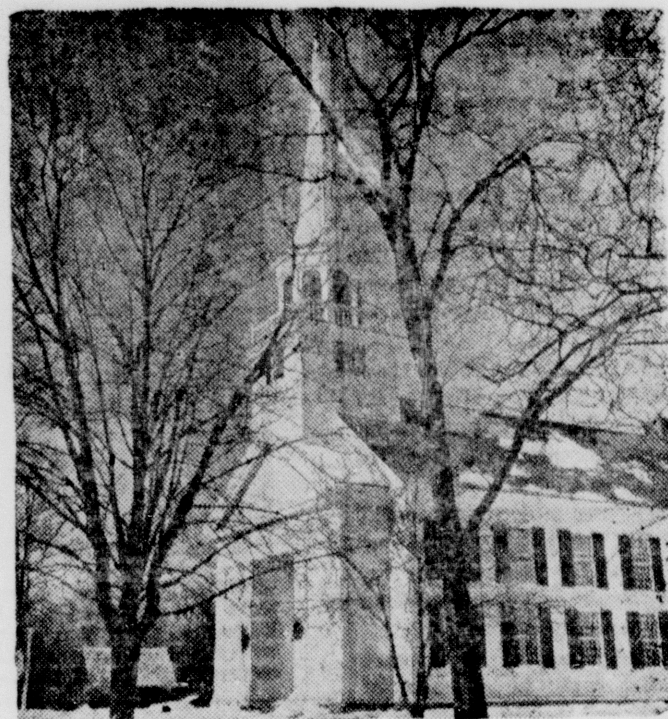
Pick the Christmas tree to suit your holiday plan.

If you intend to keep the tree for only a few days, the Norway spruce has the traditional shape and good color and is perhaps your best buy. Its one failing is that it sheds needles.

For long needed pines, the Douglas fir and the long needed pines.

Whichever tree you buy, make sure it is fresh and not tinder box dry. Tree experts say to merely feel the twigs and needles as a test. If they're dry and brittle, it's a bad tree. If you're about the touch, hang the tree butt on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you the tree is dangerously dry.

For general attractiveness and quality, select the tree that has pyramidal shape branches that come well down to the base and abundant and attractive foliage. This applies to all Yuletide trees for ornamentation—spruce, fir or



WITH THANKS TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS,
WE SAY, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

CARTER'S VARIETY STORE

Your Home-Owned Variety

Care Should Be Used In Burning Christmas Tree In Safe Manner

Many people find they have a problem of disposing of their Christmas tree after it is taken down. There are a number of things that can be done with it.

It can be put in the yard, if you live in a cold, snowy area, and from it you can hang suet, pieces of meat and dry bread for the birds.

Or, you can cut off the long branches and plant them as wind-breaks to protect outdoor plantings. Teepees can be built around exposed shrubs and tender plants. This will protect them from wind and prevents snow and ice from accumulating and bending the plant out of shape.

Whatever you do, don't burn it in the fireplace, no matter how small it may be. A dry tree will burn with almost the speed and fury of film or cellophane, and is dangerous.

If you live in the country, throw the trees in ditches in the fields. They make excellent shelter for wildlife.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

Henry Cole, an Englishman, mailed the first Christmas cards in 1846. The cards bore the now famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the Christmas feast.



A FRIENDLY MESSAGE FROM GOOD OLD SAINT NICK!

Christmas is many things beautiful! It is the excitement of happy children . . . the silent reverence of folks at prayer . . . the family gatherings . . . the carolers singing . . . the feeling of well-being . . . peace and good-will of man to man! Above all — Christmas is people! And to you, dear folks who are our friends and customers: HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

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Making Budget for Gift Buying Will Avoid Money Bind

It is probable you will have completed your Christmas shopping by the time you read this article, but you might put some of its suggestions to work next year.

Did you prepare a holiday shopping budget? Did you stick to it?

Many people claim that Christmas is too commercial. This, of course, is not necessarily true. But every year millions of people, filled with the holiday spirit of giving, spend far more money for gifts for friends and relatives than they can actually afford.

It is wise, therefore, to prepare a gift list well in advance of Christmas and really balance it against your budget. This way you can determine how much you can spend for individual gifts without taxing your savings or putting a burden on your future income.

Gifts that you make yourself are always appreciated because they are gifts of your time and effort.

It is proper that the spirit of giving should be a part of Christmas, but giving should be within the means to give. It is the gift that is important and not what it cost.

Many people are embarrassed when the holiday is over because they find they have given someone what they consider a "small" gift while they may have received something very costly.

Be wise and have a really happy Christmas in the future. Buy within your means and there will be no thought of those New Year bills nagging at you during the holidays.



GIFT IDEA—Give the man in your life the best-looking sport shirt you can find this Christmas. This handsome shirt by Edgewood Casuals is neatly edged at pocket and front closing with contrasting trim. The Cone cotton fabric features a small all-over print in red, blue, or brown.

Giving Toys to Suit Age of Children Is Urged by National Safety Council

Toys, toys, toys!

Peeking from beneath Christmas trees across the nation December 25 will be all sorts of play things — round toys, hard toys, soft, cuddly toys, noisy toys. But little if any thought will be given to how safe they are.

This, the National Safety Council points out, just isn't smart.

"Fortunately," it said "most toy manufacturers have done their best to make their products safe for youngsters. But a toy perfectly safe for an eight-year-old may be quite unsuitable for a toddler."

The council made these recommendations about buying toys this Christmas:

1. Teach children how to use the toys.

2. Keep an eye out for possible wear or damage—broken edges or splinters, for example.

3. Perhaps most important, buy toys that suit the child's age.

The council gave these suggestions on what toys to buy:

For children up to two years: Buy sturdy rattles, washable squeak toys, stuffed animals and dolls, blocks with round corners, push or pull toys, and large colored balls.

Beware of small toys that can be swallowed, flammable toys and toys with poisonous paint, sharp edges, button eyes that can pull loose, and removable parts.

Ages two to three: Toys for tots in this the exploring age—sand-box toys, large peg-boards, tricycles, low rocking horses, bright picture books, large crayons.

Beware, again, of sharp or rough edges on toys, small removable parts, flammable toys, lead-based points, objects that can be swallowed.

Ages three to four: Excellent are toy telephones, doll buggies and furniture, miniature garden tools, building blocks.

Stay away from toys that break or splinter, those too heavy for the child's strength, sharp or cutting toys.

"Help pack safety into Santa's sack," the council. "Be sure children get safe toys for Christmas."

Christmas is Time for Children, Says Poet

Christmas, according to Charles Dickens, is "a good time, a kind, forgiving charitable and pleasant time." This is an excellent description of the spirit of Christ's birthday. Why not make this Christmas a holiday in keeping with this definition?

A homey, hospitable get-together, instead of an elaborately planned time-consuming party, will create a relaxing atmosphere.

Christmas is actually the children's day, so why not let them have an important role in preparing for the day? Children will get much more enjoyment from helping prepare and decorate the tree than they will in seeing only the finished product.

During the 1958 Christmas-New Year's holiday four persons 55 years of age were killed in traffic, the largest of any age group. Next came the 18-year-olds, of whom three died in traffic during the nine-day holiday period.



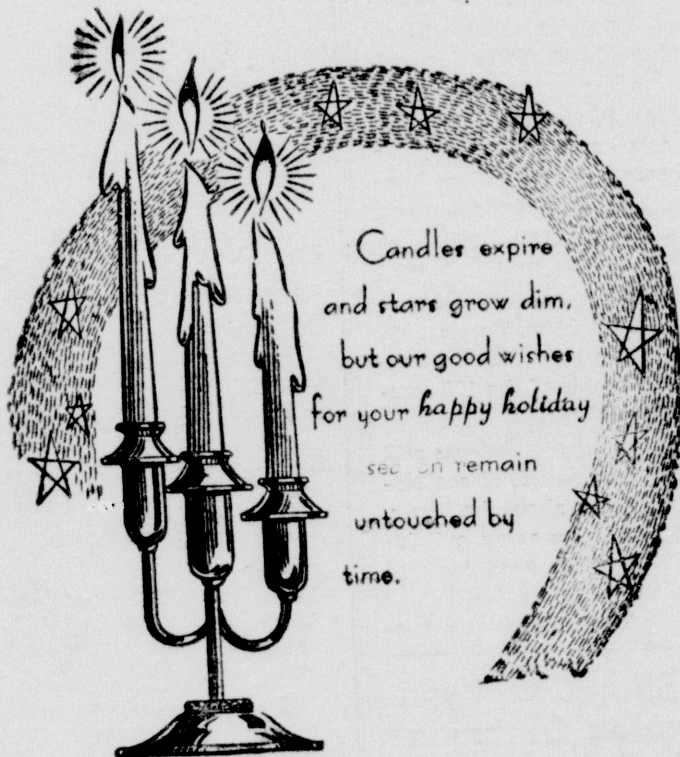
Christmas Blessings To All...

All of our staff joins with us in wishing you The Many Blessings of Christmas Happiness...

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Candles expire and stars grow dim, but our good wishes for your happy holiday season remain untouched by time.

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May the sanctity of Christmas bring new peace of mind to all!

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Mrs. E. M. Wilson



REETINGS

Our sincerest good wishes that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make your New Year a Happy one.

THE LIMIT CAFE

Hamburger Headquarters

Christmas Dates Back

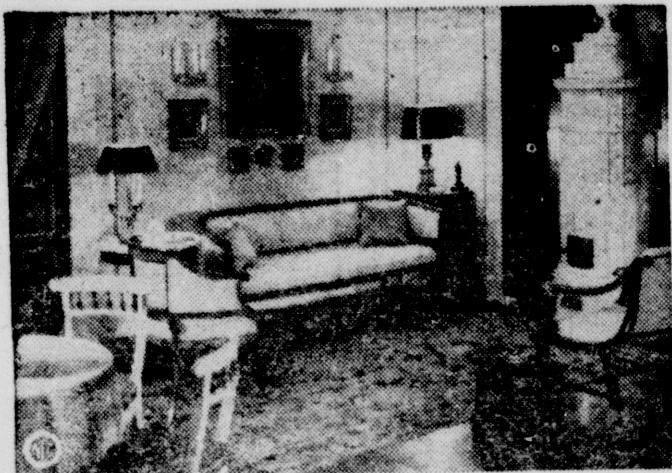
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In the dim ages of long ago many of the festive customs of our Christmas season.

The symbolic use of a tree dates at least 4,000 years, when Egyptians celebrated in honor of their Sun God, in the month corresponding to our December. They believed that the sun died every night and was born again in the morning, and that late December and January brought the turning point, when the sun remained with the ma little bit longer each day. This was a season of rejoicing, and the palm trees became the symbol, as it put out a leaf every month and the 12 leaves symbolized the complete year.

A few thousand years later came the feast of Saturnalia, also held in December, but the tree the Romans used was a tall conifer, loaded with decorations. Roman legions carried this symbolism over the Alps into Gaul; and about 15 B. C. the tree was used in Yuletide celebrations of the Germans.

Hundreds of years passed, and



TEMPERED FOR TODAY—The elegance of yesteryear's drawing room is tempered for today's casual living in this living-dining room by interior decorator Mrs. Truman P. Handy, AID. Beige and white pinstripe cotton ticking is used throughout—on the sofa and chairs, in the draperies and tablecloth and in panels on the wall. A white porcelain stove is set in a niche of marbled blue.

tree became the symbol of celebrations connected with the patron saint of Russia and of children—Saint Nicholas, who in his lifetime was Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor.

NAMED FOR JANUS.

The month of January was named "Janus" by the Romans, in honor of the two-faced god who was believed to look back over the future. Janus was always represented with a key in his hand, suggesting that he had the power to open all doors and gateways.

Real Christmas Is Based on Sublime Stories of Bible

We must never forget what the coming of the Babe of Bethlehem means to the world.

It is not enough to glorify or worship the Babe, to bring adoration, even as did the shepherds.

It is not enough to bring gifts, as did the Wise Men.

It is not enough to rejoice only.

The true celebration of Christ-life, and death, and resurrection, mas must be related to the whole in the ministry of the Savior of men.

The note of tragedy, crowned with glory and triumph, is in the story of Christmas. It began in sadness as well as joy.

This Mary knew so well, as she pondered in her heart the strange sayings, and the prophecy of the sword that should pierce through her own heart.

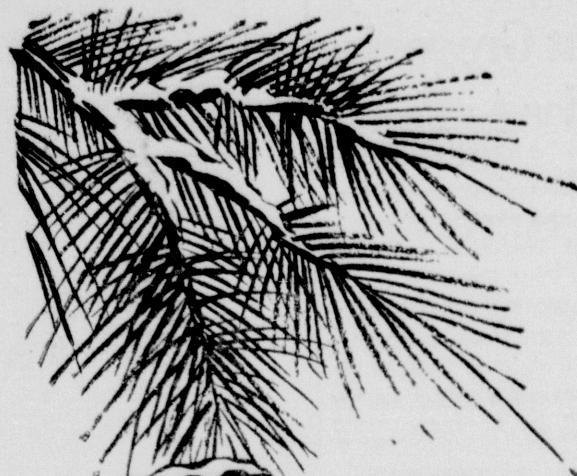
That prophecy was fulfilled as she followed her Son to calvary, and stood by the cross.

So, let our Christmas celebration be one of joy and beauty, of rejoicing in the glorious birth, of the sanctity of love, and home and children.

But let it be also a celebration of victory and triumph—the Christmas of a Christ who died that we and all men might live.

ANNOUNCE SACRED DAYS.

In ancient Rome, the priests called the people together on the first day of the month, known as the Calends, and announced the sacred days and festivities to be observed during the month.



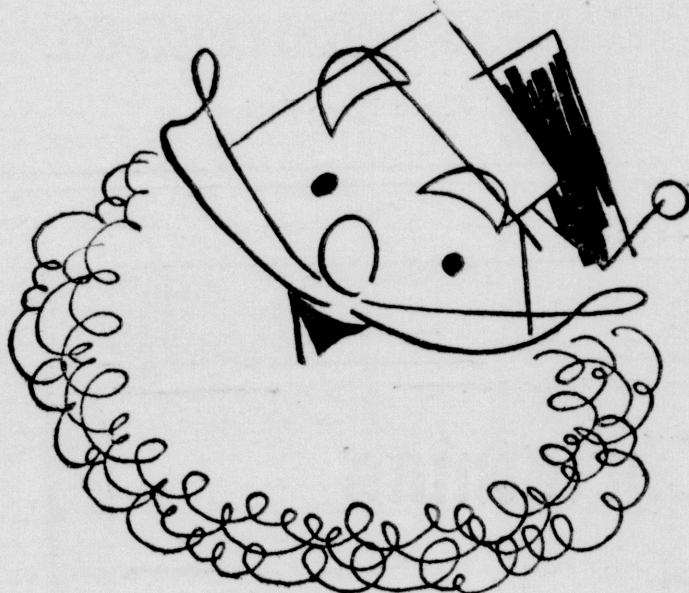
Greetings

One of the memorable joys of Christmas is the pungent aroma of pine needles . . . Another is the privilege of wishing happiness to our friends

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Santa joins us in wishing you the jolliest Christmas you've ever known, with lots of fun and merriment!

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Marking Time by Ancient Gregorian Calendar Accepted

Despite efforts from time to time to set up a new method of marking time, the Gregorian calendar, instituted by Pope Gregory in the year 1582, appear unlikely to be replaced for some time to come—probably until at least 2500 A. D. Mathematicians guarantee that the calendar will be accurate until that time.

The Gregorian calendar still does not please everybody. But this is not unusual. People like to be fussy about time. Once a year in many areas of the United States there is the annual squabble about the use of "daylight saving time." Periodically, residents in one area who live in the edge of another time zone attempt to get the zones changed. Kentucky, for example, was the scene of such activity recently when residents of several cities of that state, tiring of switching each summer to "daylight saving time" attempted to get their clocks moved up an hour all year round by having the Eastern Time Zone extended farther westward.

Our current method of keeping time takes into consideration the solar year, which actually consists of 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds. Because of the extra hours, minutes and seconds, it is required that the Gregorian calendar system contain a well ordered system of Leap Years to keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent.

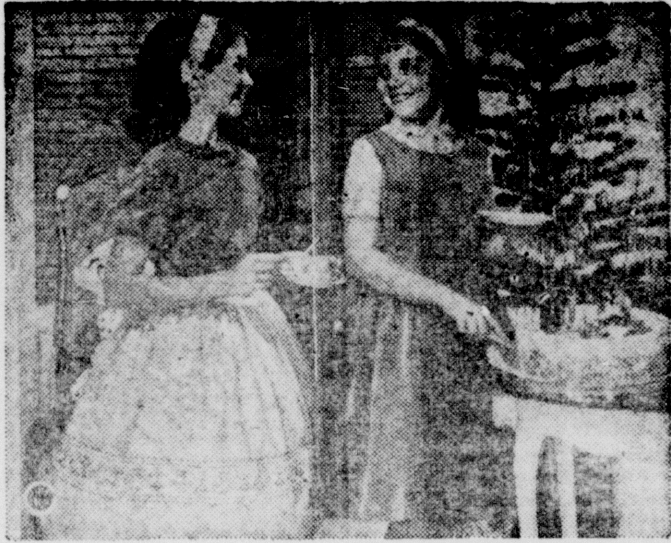
The Gregorian Calendar provides that years divisible by four, exclusive of the year numbering the centuries—shall have 366 days, and the century marking years shall be leap years only if they are divisible by four after the eiphers have been removed.

Loved Carol Inspired By Pealing of Bells

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" was written in England on a Christmas morning by the Methodist minister, Charles Wesley.

December 18, the anniversary of his birth, will mark the climax of the recognition of this great Christain and his heart-moving hymns.

The pealing of church bells inspired this brother of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, to pen this famous carol.



HOLIDAY FARE—These smiling girls know they look their prettiest in their smart holiday outfits. Left, a blouse with puffed sleeves and bow neckline in velveteen is coordinated with a cotton satin skirt with needle-point border. The full-skirted jumper at right also features Crompton's velveteen. Both fashions are by Girltown.

Will Christmas Be Holiday or Horror Day for You During Yuletide Travel?

Will Christmas be a holiday or a horror day for you and your family?

The National Safety Council has asked that question as it announced a campaign in December to reduce accidents on the highways and in the home.

Theme of the campaign, according to Arthur B. Langlie, chairman of the council's national committee of religious leaders for safety, is: "For a Merry Christmas—Make It Safe!"

Langlie, former governor of Washington, is now president of the McCall Corporation, New York City.

"Emphasis during the month-long campaign," he said, "is on the moral responsibility Americans have to prevent accidents.

"The person who, through disregard for safety, injures or kills another person has violated a commandment.

"Thou shalt not kill" refers just as surely to motorists on the highway and chance-takers in the home as it does to the beserk man with a loaded shotgun.

"Motorists who drink and then drive, home owners who carelessly use matches, candles or Christmas tree lights, are morally responsible if death or injury results."

One target of the National Safety Council holiday campaign is the office party that reflex on the bottle for its fun.

Langlie pointed out that the

campaign will not attempt to dampen holiday gaiety.

"We're just as much in favor of office parties as the next person," he said, "but not when they spill out tipsy people to climb behind the wheel of a car and drive on the highway.

"Have your friendly office party—but without the flowing bowl, the highball hilarity."

Alcohol is not a stimulant and is classified medically as depressant.



To All
Our Friends

May the joyous
spirit of Christmas
light your future,
and bring you the many
blessings of friendship to
illuminate this happy season.

BARROW FURNITURE CO.

"Where Home Begins"



It is indeed a pleasure to thank all of you -- who are our loyal customers -- for your continued patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you! And it is a pleasure now to extend to you -- our warmest wishes for all that's bright and gay IN THIS WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON...

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J. L. McCurdy Jr.

R. D. Rumfield

Dean Brown



Our thoughts, like good angels, fly to you on Christmas to wish you every blessing of this happy season.

LETHA'S

Your Fashion Center

LETTERS FROM SANTA CLAUS

Santa: I want some clothes and a record player and records. That's all.—Christian.

Santa: I want a little or Christmas. I want it to be about five feet tall. I want a buggy for it to ride in. That's all.—Roso Solis.

Dear Old Santa: I think you are a good person, and I like you very much. I want an Army suit for myself and a machine gun for my cousin. I could also use a chemistry set for myself. Be good to all the children everywhere. Your friend—Jerry Brown.

P. S.—Do you have an extra have-gun-will-travel suit? If you do I would like one of them.

Dear Santa: Please come to see me and bring me a teddy bear. I have tried to be good this year. Love—Rosita Lujan.

Dear Santa: I hope I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a doll house and a doll buggy. Love—Debra Brown.

Dear Sant: I hope I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a record player, a doll buggy and a sewing machine. Love—Betty Burleson.

Dear Santa: Please come to see me, and bring me an Army suit. I have tried to be good this year. Please don't forget my brothers and sisters. See you soon!—Rosendo Morales.



GLAMOROUS — Jewels decorate the paisley-printed cotton used in these slim, princess-styled lounging pajamas and matching stole. The pajamas will put you in a gay holiday mood, whether you wear them at home or take them to an island resort such as Bermuda's Castle Harbour Hotel.

Season's Greetings

At this time of the year, it is with deep appreciation that we say —
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS!

SMITH'S MOBIL SERVICE

24-Hour Service—Seven Days a Week

Dear Santa Claus: I am seven years old. I have been sick for two weeks. Please bring me some toys for Christmas. My little brother, Steve, would like a toy gun. We have been good boys. Thank you.—Bobby McKissack.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and a toy poodle. Love—Helen Howard.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll for Christmas. I have been a good girl. Thank you.—Reba Long.

Dear Santa: I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a nice toy. Thank you.—Wendell Allen.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl in the first grade. I like school, and I have tried to be good. Would you please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a doll house and a sewing machine for Christmas. Love—Theresa.

Dear Santa Claus: Please come to see me and bring me a scooter, and an Army set and an Army suit. I have tried to be good this year. I love you.—David Riddell.

P. S.—My birthday is December 24, the day before Christmas.

Dear Santa: Please come to see me and bring me a set of dishes, a doll house and a cat. I have tried to be good this year. Be good to all the children in the world. We all love you.—Crystal Walton.

Dear Santa: Please come to see me, and bring me a BB gun and 10 packs of BBs. I have tried to be good this year. Love—Doug Elliott.



OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER

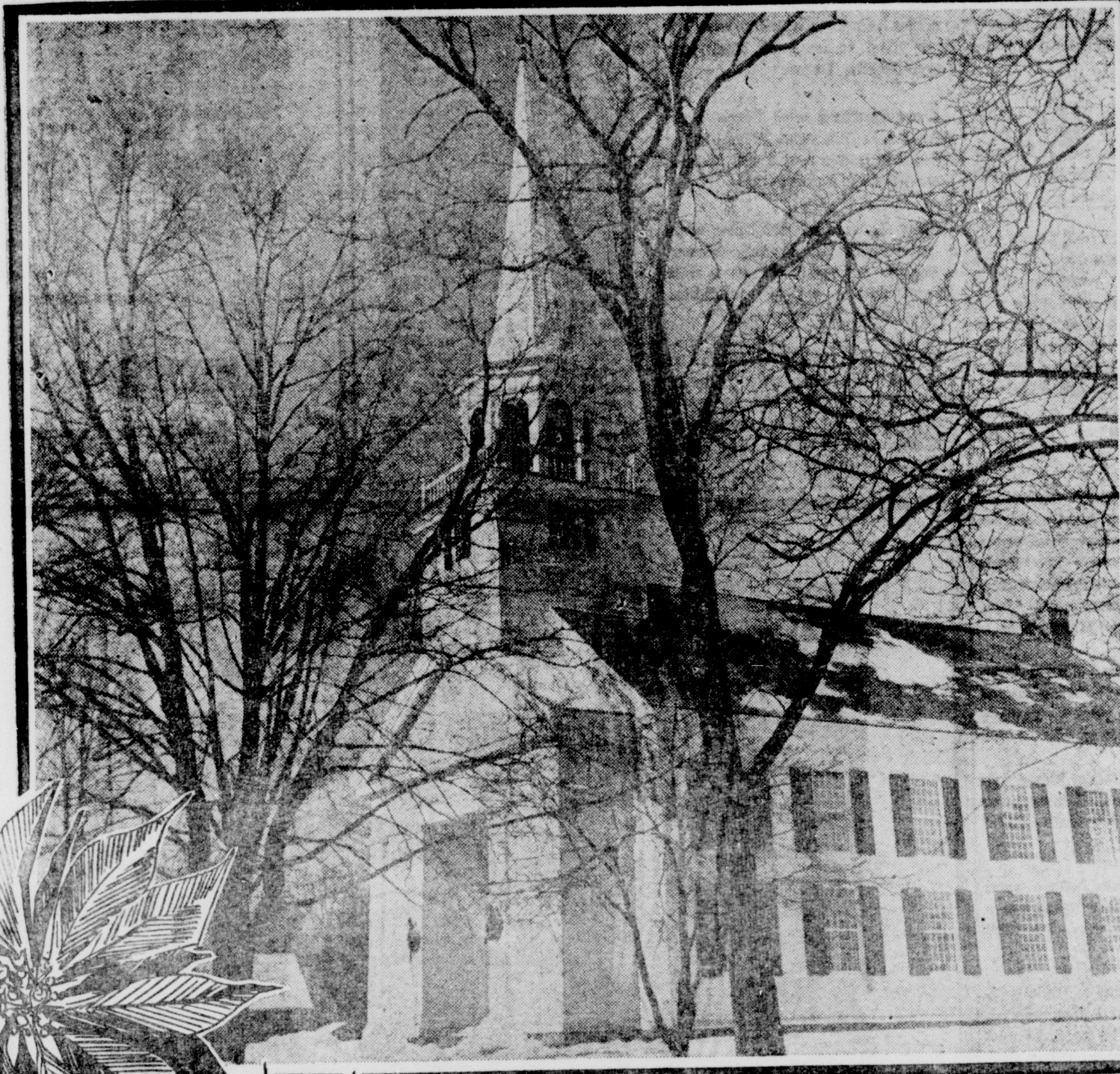
In the sanctuary of our hearts we give thanks for the blessings of the past year which have brought us the friendship of many people. . . . And, in the warm spirit of this Holy Day, we pray that health, happiness and friendship be the gifts you most enjoy at Christmas and after.

DR. AND MRS. E. J. HAWKINS
LOU ANN, JIMMY AND SHARON



Like the ornaments that adorn your tree, may your holiday celebration be seasoned with fun and gaiety.

Mildred's
Beauty Shop



Greetings

Whether you observe Christmas Day
In quiet prayer or make it ring with gaiety,
we wish each and every one of our
many friends and customers — a Holiday
filled with rich blessings and joy!

We'll be closed Friday and Saturday,
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We say Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers . . .

We want you all to know how much we have enjoyed your patronage and
friendship and we take this opportunity to wish you and yours - -
a holiday complete with happiness to last forever and ever!

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LETTERS FROM SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I would like some guns and a pair of cowboy boots. Thank you.—Eddie Marentes.

Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and a set of dishes.—Celia Lujan.

Dear Santa: I have been very good this year. Please bring me some boots and a bowling set.—Allen Guthrie.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a toy sewing machine, a teddy bear and a tiny tears doll.—Patricia Diane Hill.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bicycle with four wheels. I would like a puzzle and a book and some plates and a doll with clothes, a doll house, a stove and a little wagon. Thank you.—Laurie Robb.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a bride doll and some doll clothes for my other doll for Christmas. I love you, Santa.—Susan LaFoy Patterson.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a little doll. I want some doll clothes, too.—Janis George.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun, an Army set and some nuts. Thank you.—Stephen Smith.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a have-gun-will-travel set and a bicycle.—Vinyl Turner.

Dear Santa: I would like a little bicycle.—James Dominguez.

Dear Santa: I want a cowboy hat, a pair of boots and Western suit. Yours truly—Harold Smith.

Dear Santa: Please come to see me, and bring me a doll that looks like a baby. I have tried to be good this year. Your friend—Rebecca Trevino.

Dear Santa: Please come to see me, and bring me a pellet gun, a shell and a dog. I have tried to be good this year.—Edward Johnson.

Dear Santa: I hope that you will be good to my little cousin down in Waco. I want a ballerina doll for her. For myself I want a doll as big as me. Yours truly—Sharon Hartman.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a big Maribell, the get-well doll. Thank you. Love—Debbie Sue Elmore.

Julia Farmer of Route 3, Hamlin, did not write a letter asking for remembrances from Santa Claus, but she did send a Christmas card that read: "Christmas Greetings: Wishing you every happiness for Christmas and the New Year."

Dear Santa: You is a goodie and I love you. Please bring me a doll with clothes and suitcase, new shoes, a can-can and a stocking cap, and some fruit, candy and nuts. Don't forget all the other little children. I've been good and bad both, but mother said that's what makes me sweet. Love—Connie Christian.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a cookie doll and clothes, suitcase and candy, fruit and nuts. And bring my mother and daddy a little something. They've been pretty good this year. I love you, Santa.—Kathy Christian.

P. S.—Don't forget Beth and Connie and all the other children.

Dear Santa Claus: There are three of us children in this family. There is Charlie who is eight, Ken who will be five in December, and one little girl, Luann, who was three in September. This is what we would like for Christmas:

Luann—Doll buggy, boots, baby Tiny Tears doll and little snare drum; Ken—Snare drum, big Greyhound wagon, have-gun-will-travel gun and holster set with cards and little gun, and have-gun-will-travel hat; Charlie—Cape Canaveral rocket launching set with 30 rockets and 100 men and 200 pieces, big snare drum, basketball and electric football game.

Now, Santa, please try to remember all the boys and girls everywhere and leave off some of our things if you have to so you can give something to all the others.


We'll leave you something to eat Christmas Eve, so if you're hungry when you get here, please eat it. We'll try to leave hot chocolate if it's real cold. Lovingly—Charlie, Ken and Luann Shinn.

Dear Santa: I would like a tiny tears doll, a doll trunk and doll clothes for Christmas. I love you, Santa—Keven Sue Mehaffey.



EASY-CARE—For travel Linda Mead, Miss America 1960, chooses a jacket dress of easy-care cotton knit in an unusual pattern. Both the slender sheath, which may be worn alone, and the Chanel-styled jacket are of Everglaze cotton knit.

Dear Santa: I want a ballet doll and a baton for Christmas, and a tractor for my two-year-old brother named Gary. And a train for my three-year-old brother named Terry. Love—Diane, from Hamlin, Texas.



Season's Greetings

The friendly greetings we send to you are as joyous and true as the sound of the glorious Christmas bells.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all

Smith Service Station

414 West Lake Drive

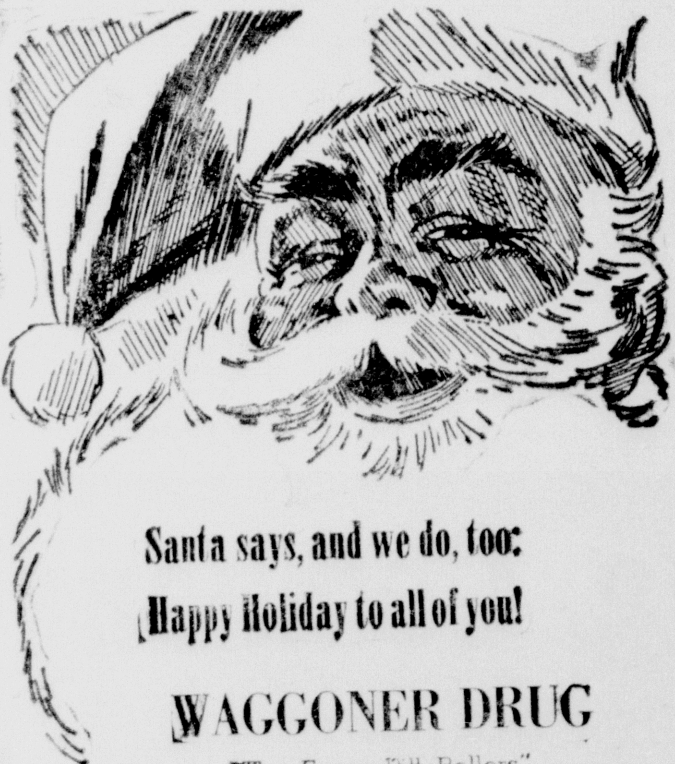


It is with humility that we thank our many customers for their continued patronage -- and it is with sincerity that we extend to all our wishes for a

VERY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Hamlin's Finest Department Store



Santa says, and we do, too:
Happy Holiday to all of you!

WAGGONER DRUG

"The Fussy Pill Rollers"

Merrie Christmas!



The approach of the
Holiday Season brings a wonderful flow
of memories of Yuletide scenes of
long ago...and though time

has wrought many changes, the spirit of
Christmas remains today, as warm and hearty as ever.

You can see it in the smiling welcomes and outstretched
hands; you can hear it in the tinkling laughter of the children;

you can feel it in the expectant hush
that fills the home as Christmas Day approaches.

Midst all this good cheer, hospitality and good fellowship, we wish
to extend to our friends and neighbors our heartfelt good wishes.

May you enjoy a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ALL THE FOLKS OUT AT THE

CELOTEX CORPORATION

New Year Celebrated At Different Dates in Various Parts of World

With a little imagination—and a lot of stamina—you can ring in the New Year with more than one celebration.

In fact, you can keep on celebrating all through the year, just by switching calendars.

The World Book Encyclopedia says most of the Christian world wipes the slate clean on January 1.

But by trading in the Gregorian calendar for the Julian calendar, you can have another New Year's party on January 14.

Take a few months to recover and you can join the Iranian celebration on March 21. If that does not wear you out, you can turn party hopping to India. The Hindus are divided into many different religious groups, and each group marks the beginning of the year on a different date.

Plum Pudding Long Tradition of English

Hundreds of years ago plum pudding, that ancient English Christmas delicacy, entered the culinary lists bearing the name Yule-dough. Throughout the years Yule-dough or plum pudding gained such popularity that now no English Christmas is complete without it.

The original Yule-dough was made of chopped meat paste and spices to symbolize the gifts of the Magi.



LADY-IN-WAITING — While waiting, she looks her prettiest in a smartly designed jacket trimmed with a bold border set off by perky piping and glittering gilt buttons. The slim skirt and jacket of these "waiting" separates are styled in Cone Washcord Corduroy.

CHRISTMAS GIVING.

The first Christmas gifts were those which the Wise Men carried to Bethlehem to lay before the Christ Child in the manger. Their gifts, given in adoration, were precious items of the day—gold, frankincense and myrrh. The latter two were gum resins used in medicines and perfumes. But, then as now, it is the spirit of giving rather than the gift itself that makes it most appreciated.

French Visit Graves Of Departed at Yule

Just as it is everywhere else in the world, January 1 is a day of celebration visiting and toasting of health in France. But, la jour de la bonne annee, as the French call it, has a more serious side.

Churches are generally crowded on New Year's Eve, which is also the Vigil of St. Sylvester, an early pontiff and father of the church. In rural communities cattle are driven to the door of the village church, where they are blessed by the priest, who also says mass for their protection during the year.

It is French custom to remember the dead as well as the living on New Year's Day and most families visit the graves of departed members.

Give Children Part in Christmas Practices

The following are some suggestions for the growth of good-will through giving:

1. Allow and assist children to make some of their own Christmas gifts.
2. Examine your attitude toward giving, for your children pattern their attitude after yours.
3. Advise children in the buying of their presents.



String up the lights, dust off the shiny ornaments—for it's time to decorate the tree and to wish all our many friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

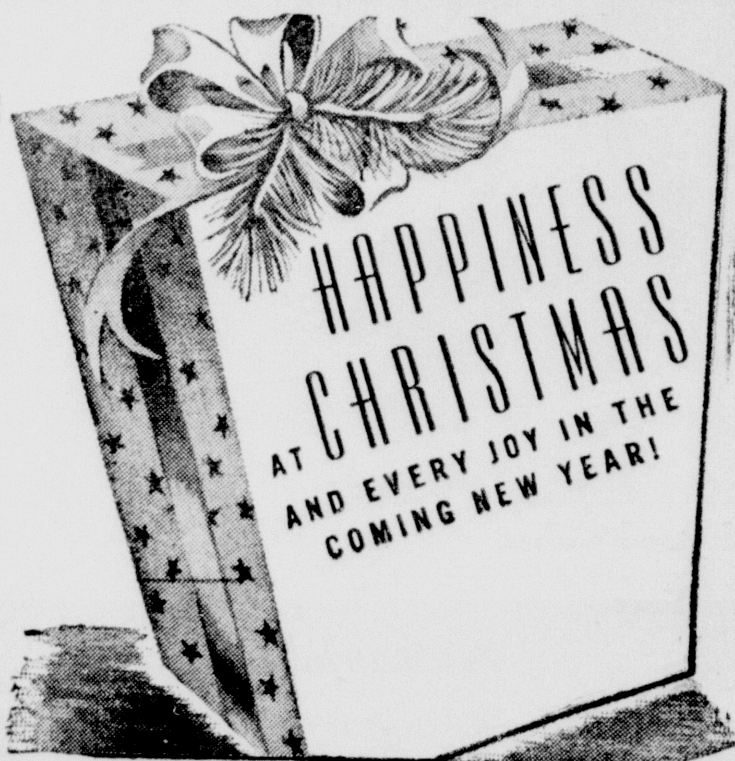
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We've made up our own Christmas carol to put into words the very nice things we're wishing you this Christmas. We're singing out our wishes that you may all enjoy health and happiness . . . security and prosperity . . . and the many blessings of good fellowship and peace.

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WATT FLETCHER, Manager

Year with 445 Days Catches Up Calendar Back in 46 B. C.

Year we now refer to as 46 B. C. was the longest year in calendar history. It contained 445 days, and for a very good reason.

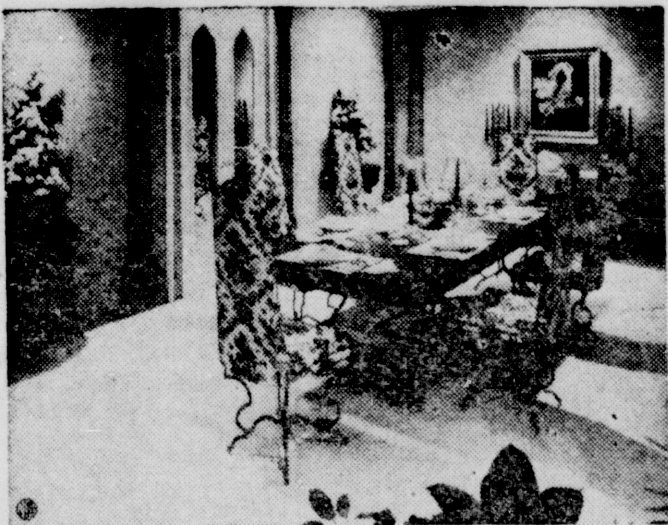
Julius Caesar supposedly created the Roman calendar in the 7th century B. C. Despite the fact that it was revised several times this calendar was some two months behind the sun by the time of Julius Caesar.

Caesar put his experts to work revising the calendar. The experts came up with a calendar, but were somewhat undecided as to what should be done about the two months needed to catch up with the sun.

They solved the problem by inserting the two months between the months of November and December, thus giving the year 46 B. C. a total of 445 days.

LOOK FOR SANTA.

American children look for presents in their stockings or under the Christmas tree. In Italy they seek them in "Urns of Fate" and the children of Norway seek them in hiding places all through the house.



TWO CENTURIES REVISITED—Decorator Ellen McCluskey, AID, has adapted metal furnishings of the 18th and 19th Centuries for today's dining. The clean lines of metal and wood are set off by the high-back dining chairs upholstered in a black and white cotton toile print. Deep yellow walls form the backdrop for the black, white and wood tones of the furniture in this elegantly contemporary room.

MAKING RESOLUTIONS.

Making New Year resolutions is a good idea if the right spirit attends the making. Resolutions should be made with careful thought and consideration for it is better to make no resolution at all than to make a number of resolves which we know will be impossible to accomplish.

A drinking driver was involved in at least 30 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents during 1957.

With Precautions Most of Accidents Could Be Avoided

The unsung heroes of the winter driving season can be found in many occupations, says J. O. Musick, general manager of the Texas Safety Association.

"The official weather forecasters and the weather newsmen give us predictions which are amazingly accurate, and most motorists are wise enough to limit their driving when heavy rains, sleet storms or blizzards are developing," he declared.

"State and local traffic law enforcement officers remain on duty in all types of weather, and when Old Man Winter hits hardest, these officers must continue their patrols and be ready to direct traffic, untangle tie-ups and investigate accidents," he continued.

"When inclement conditions prevail, highway crews are put to a severe test," Musick said. "Without their aid, traffic would be hopelessly stalled. However, because of their work, the cars, trucks and buses on essential errands usually can get from one place to another in comparative safety."

The safety official declared that the jobs of these highway heroes would be made much easier if all drivers would exercise logical care to meet the usual hazards created by bad winter weather.

"Some drivers always are caught in such emergencies with rundown batteries, no defrosters or heaters, poor brakes or bad tires," Musick pointed out. "Some can't see, some can't move, let alone move safely."

"In many parts of Texas travelers or local citizens wait until a blizzard strikes to buy chains, and become stranded till rescued by the highway department or police. This costs everybody time and money. There will be instances of the engine stalling, cars skidding into wrong lanes or snowbanks, and drivers suffering from the cold or heart attacks after struggling with stalled vehicles for too long a period.

"It's important to bear in mind that weather is not the direct cause of most mishaps," Musick emphasized. "Accidents are caused by persons who forgot to act properly to compensate for the changes brought about by the weather. We must learn to plan ahead and anticipate how we will act when various winter time emergencies arise."

MORE EXPENSIVE.

Man to Thoughtful Friend—"A penny for your thoughts."

Thoughtful Friend—"I was just thinking about the five dollars you owe me."



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We wish you all the best of luck and cheer,
And happiness to make your Christmas royal!

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you, our loyal friends and customers,
best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.

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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
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Christmas Season Is Deadliest Period On Traffic Lanes

It would be interesting to discover, in this era of motivation research, what the word "holiday" means to most people. What is the first thing that flashes to mind when the word is mentioned?

Time off from work? A trip? An excuse to celebrate? A tragic accident toll?

Unfortunately, truthful answers probably would place all of those higher on the list than the true meaning of the holiday. And it's especially unfortunate that holidays must have an association with high accident tolls.

Christmas, with the deepest spiritual significance is the deadliest holiday of all, according to the National Safety Council. Ironically, it achieves this terrible distinction precisely because we want it to be such a wonderful occasion.

It is a sentimental holiday. People will drive long distances for the traditional family reunion, undaunted by the worst weather. More travel—especially winter travel at highway speeds—means more accidents.

It is a convivial holiday. The joyous spirit of the occasion is too often sought in liquid form.

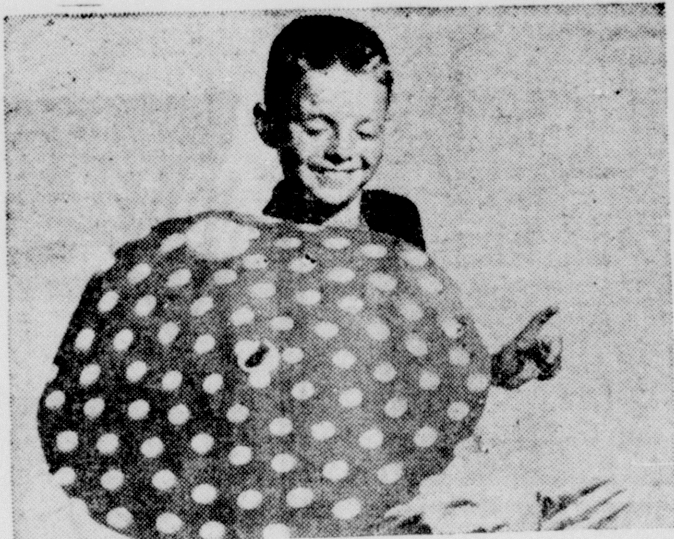
This deadly conjunction of the throttle and bottle has dimmed the true radiance from the star of Bethlehem.

The National Safety Council has asked for church leadership during this Christmas season to point out that accident prevention is practical religion, and that good will toward men can find no finer expression than behind the wheel of a car.

Shooting of Fireworks Brought by French

Early French settlers brought to the Louisiana an old custom which readily gained favor in the deep South. The shooting of fireworks to celebrate Christmas astonishes visiting Yankees, but Southerners consider it an orthodox part of the holiday procedure.

Use of fireworks on Christmas is quite common in France, Italy and Spain. This Old Country method of celebrating Christmas Eve spread throughout the South, but it failed to find favor in Yankee territory.



STOCKING SURPRISE—Add this new toy to the nuts, fruit, and other surprises that go into the children's Christmas stockings. The inexpensive toy will mean hours of fun for the whole family. The trick is to spin the circle of polka-dotted cotton by putting your finger, or a stick, through a reinforced hole in its middle. You'll find the toy at local variety stores.

Christmas Carols Have Long Been a Part of Celebrations of Gala Season

Although one legend recognizes St. Francis of Assisi as the originator of the Christmas carol, carols actually predate St. Francis by many centuries. The story which supports St. Francis is one of engaging logic. It is told that this saint of the thirteenth century, in order to combat a heresy which denied the divinity of Christ, built the first creche and started the custom of singing carols around it. But, according to reliable sources, carols really originated at the same time Christmas became a regular feast time in the Christmas calendar.

The word "carol" is derived from the Italian "carolare," meaning "a dance ring." Consequently, dancing often accompanied those early carols. The early church, however, considered dancing an irreligious pastime and that part of the celebration slowly died out.

British and continental hymns written between 1200 and 1500 are sources of most present day traditional hymns. Recently, carol singing has undergone a great revival, and a large number of popular carols have resulted.

Some carols cannot be traced to their beginnings, as they are often the results of the combined efforts of many people. The story of "Silent Night," probably the best loved of all, is one which has been traced to its creator.

On Christmas Eve in 1818 Joseph Mohr, a Bavarian minister in the tiny village of Oberndorf, wrote the verses for this world

famous carol. He immediately sent the words to his friend, Franz Gruber, schoolmaster and organist, who wrote the melody within a few hours.

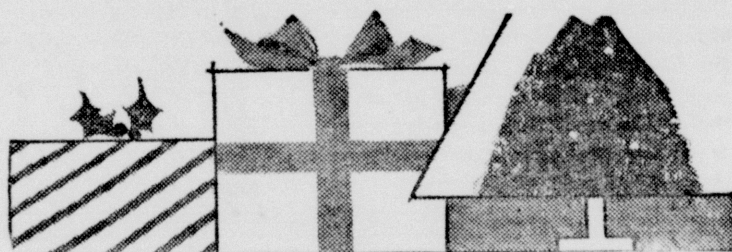
Carols lend color and spirit to the Christmas festivities. The very existence of carols is, of course, more relevant than knowledge of their authors.



*A greeting, small,
that says to all —
May you have the very best
Christmas ever yet enjoyed!*

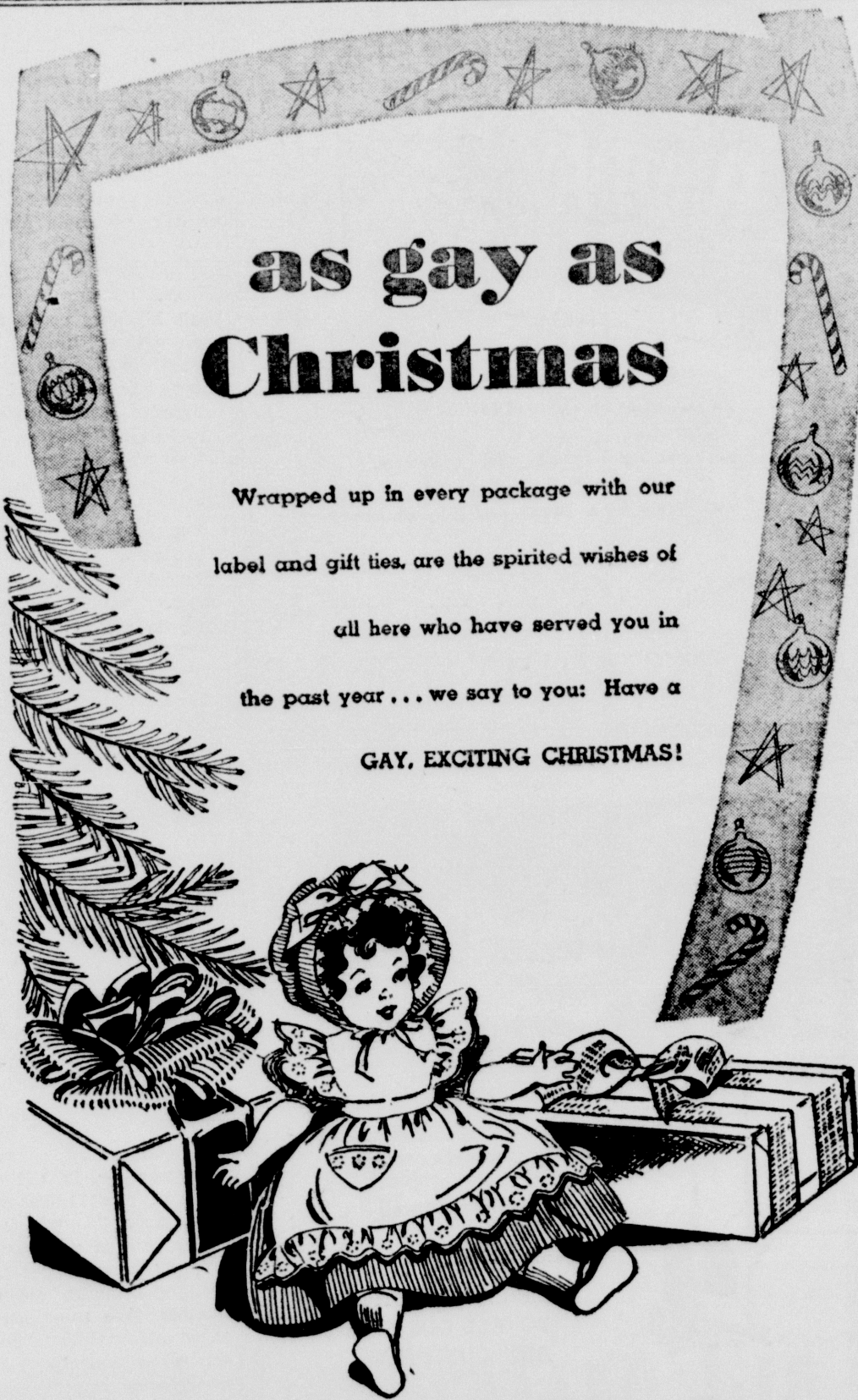
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ank you.—Tony Lewis.

santa: Every one of my
roken. Will you please
and my little brother
ans.—Randy Jones.

r Santa: Will you please
me a bicycle and a gun?—
r Guerra.

ear Santa: Please bring me
ne pretty doll dishes. Thank
u.—Adelaida Romero.

Dear Santa: I need a doll crib
r my baby doll and some clothes.
Thank you.—Deborah LaFerner.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring
e a Tiny Tears doll. I have
een a good girl. Thank you.
ve.—Jane Hannon

Dear Santa: I would like a doll
d a doll bottle for Christmas.
am a good girl. Thank you.—
aggie Trevino.

Dear Santa: I would like for
n to bring me a set of dishes
d a doll bed. I have been a
od girl.—Sally Contreras.

Dear Santa: I would like to
ve a real cowboy hat and a
r of Matt Dillon guns. I have
en a good boy.—Stanley Smith.

Dear Santa: I have been a very
ed girl. Please bring me a set
dishes, a nurse's suit and a
y Tears doll.—Denice Preston.

Dear Santa: Please bring me
rain, a football suit and a dump
ck. I have been a good boy.
nk you.—Dwayne Miller.

Dear Santa: I would like for
to bring me a bike and some
cowboy clothes.—Donald Hall.

Dear Santa: I am in the first
le. I have been a good boy.
se bring me an Army tank
as from.—Therese Gault.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a
doll, a teddy bear, hula
and a stocking full of candy.
nk you.—Jennie Collins.

Dear Santa: I would like a baby
and doll buggy, a set of dishes
a table and chairs. I have
a very good girl. Love—
lotte Pritchard.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a
Tiny Tears doll. I have been a
good girl.—Lana Blanton

Dear Santa: Please bring me a
helmet and shoulder pads and a
bowling set. I have been a good
boy. I would like some cowboy
boots, too. I thank you.—Steve
Teichelman.

Dear Santa: I would like for
you to bring me a cement mixer
for Christmas. I have been a good
boy. Please bring my little
brother something.—Mark Pear-
son.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a
doll. I am a good girls.—Olga
Guerra



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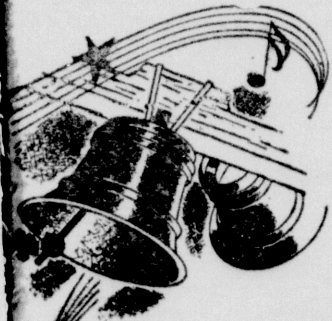
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*That JOY be with you this happy season — is the sincere
wish we extend to all of our many friends! "Merry Christmas"
is still the warmest greeting of the season.*



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 and in every Christmas wish -- like ours --
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 Yes, that's our friendly greeting to you,
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IN THE SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS



In the holy spirit of the true Christmas, with the warmth
and benevolence of His Day — we say to all our many
friends — May your holiday be rich with many blessings!

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Rev. David D'Amico, Pastor Mexican Baptist Mission
Rev. Gene Moore, Pastor Faith Methodist Church
Rev. Royce Campbell, Pastor Calvary Baptist Church
Sunset Baptist Church (No Pastor at Present)
Rev. T. M. Harrell, Pastor No. Central Ave. Baptist Church

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Hanging Stocking By Fireplace Came As Odd Occurrence

With delight and great expectation every American child hangs his stocking by the fireplace at Christmas time. Thereon hangs a fascinating tale of adventure.

Once upon a time—so the legend goes—kindly Saint Nicholas, who was in reality Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fireplace on Christmas eve.

Saint Nicholas was a kindly man and jolly, and very rich. He loved to make mysterious journeys into the country and poor sections of the community to bring secret gifts to the poor. For a long time his identity remained hidden, but he was caught at last with his sack of gifts on his back.

Saint Nicholas knew an old nobleman who was very poor and who did not want anyone to know of his poverty. Wishing to give him a gift of money, Saint Nicholas crept to a window of the house and saw the old gentleman asleep by the fire.

The good bishop climbed to the roof of the house and dropped his gift down the chimney, thinking it would fall on the hearth at the nobleman's feet.

However, it so happened that the gentleman's daughter had hung some stockings to dry by the fire and the money fell into one of them. From this kindly deed of the good bishop has grown the widespread custom of hanging stockings at Christmas time.

The anniversary of Saint Nicholas' death in 1087 eventually became a festival in the Russian church, and in time the name became corrupted to Santa Claus and associated with the festivities of the Christmas season, with its tree, its decorations, the holly and the mistletoe.

These today are the joyous symbols of Christmas.

Be Sure Toys Given To Children Are Safe

Be sure this year that all the toys you give children, or your children receive, are safe. If they are electrical be sure they carry an inspection label.

Also take care in giving and receiving toys requiring alcohol, kerosene, gasoline or carbide lamps. They may be hazardous in juvenile hands.



SUGAR 'N SPICE 'N EVERYTHING NICE—Little girls belong in a charming old-fashioned bedroom like this one. The cheerful café curtains are of Avondale Perma-Pressed white chambray. White is repeated in the hobnail cotton bedspread. The crisp and feminine dust ruffle and demi-canopy are chintz in little girl blue to match the all-cotton ball fringe trim of the curtains.

Love Story of Joseph and Mary One of World's Outstanding Shows of Fidelity

In the long history of humanity there have been many love stories. The literature of the world is full of them. But none approaches that of Joseph and Mary!

When Joseph and Mary were espoused—as we would say engaged—Joseph was considered an old man and Mary a young girl.

He was even thought of as being older than he actually was, because Joseph was a sedate, careful man who enjoyed the conversation and companionship of a group of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasure. And he was a religious man, too.

He was very much in love with Mary and he longed for his wedding day. And then Mary told him what had come to pass.

Here is where the great love Joseph had for Mary was proven to all mankind for all time.

What was he to think? Such things just didn't happen. He wanted desperately to believe, but at first he could not. He only knew that he would never make a public example of her. And even this would mean much criticism of him.

Yet he was determined that he would protect Mary and the unborn child. He must have suffered great mental anguish as he thought about what he must do and how he would accomplish it. And he prayed!

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the

angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him and took Mary as his wife.

There has never been such a great display of trust, faith and love.

Wise men say: The man who gives up goes down.

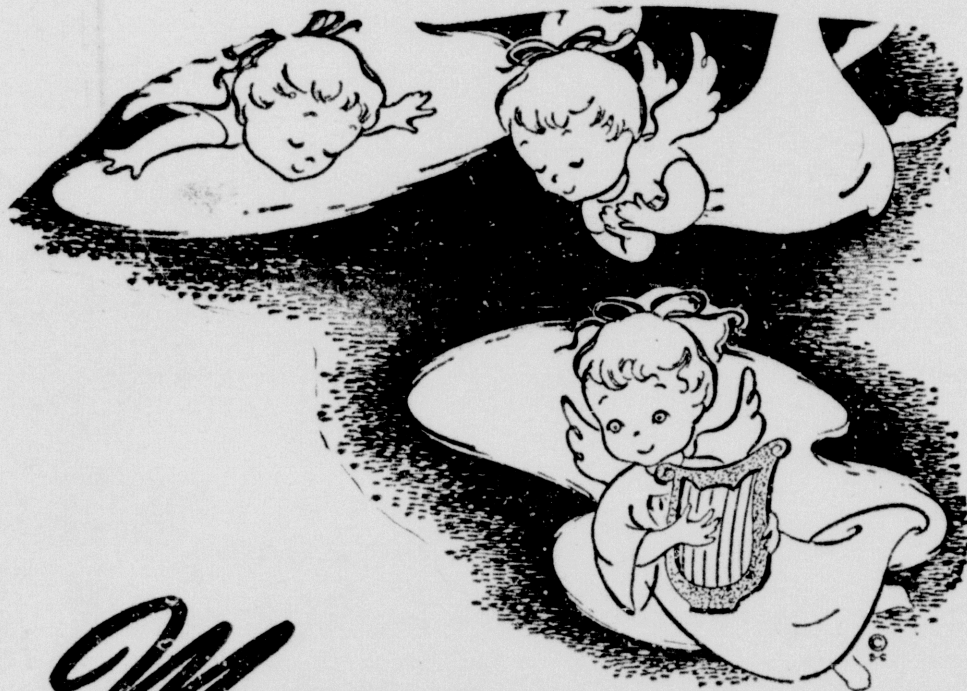


We say Thanks to our
Many Loyal Customers
And Add our Best Wishes
that Your Holiday
Be Warm and Glowing



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Merry Christmas!

And, may the wondrous peace and
blessed spirit of this Holy Day find that all your
fondest dreams have come true in the
bounty of your Christmas gifts... That you all
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many blessings!

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Sincere Christmas Greetings



Your Board of Community Development, melting pot for ideas and energies for community progress, wants to pause and look back over the past year's activity. Scores of little things—most of them basic to continued expansion of an aggressive program of community progress—have been accomplished. The next months ahead should show some of these ideas developed.

But let us remember that whatever program of work, whatever degree of accomplishment, whatever degree of success the BCD may enjoy, it is dependent on team-work and cooperation. We cannot take a let-George-do-it attitude. Busy people must take time out for conferences and committee meetings, when diversified ideas of progress can be pooled, then put into action.

Hamlin Board of Community Development

This Is Your Home Community—It Becomes What You Want It to Be!

Seat Belts in Cars Can Help to Save Many Texas Lives

Consider these bits of information from the Texas Safety Association as you whiz down the highway in your car:

1. Seat belts cut your chances of getting hurt in an auto accident in half.

2. The risk of death or serious injury in an auto wreck is five times greater if you are hurled from the car than if you remain inside . . . seat belts help keep you there.

3. Safety men estimate 5,000 lives could be saved each year if seat belts, properly installed, were used in cars.

These are some of the facts safety experts are armed with in their attempt to popularize the use of auto seat belts.

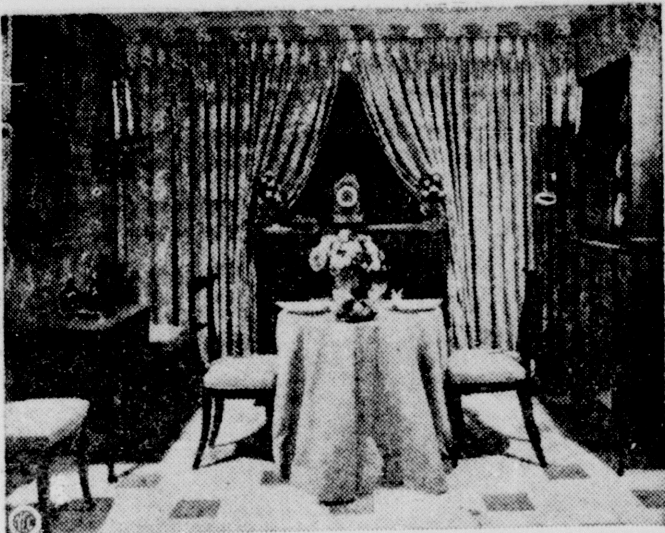
Seat belts, according to TSA, are a positive step a motorist can take toward safety and a constant reminder to keep his safety guard up. Also, contrary to much thinking, seat belts help reduce driving fatigue.

Is the risk of being thrown from your car in a crash exaggerated?

No! Says TSA, which reports that a recent study showed that in actual crashes 55 per cent of the doors open. Of the persons killed 47 per cent were thrown from the car.

However, experts do not claim seat belts are the sole answer to traffic accident problems, but they do know their widespread use could go a long way in reducing traffic injuries and fatalities.

Your best safety zone is inside your head.



DINING DESIGN—Elegant and intimate is this dining room setting by Jack Hartrick, AID. Pointing up the return to the "upholstered" look in home decoration, a rich Roman green and white Fortuny cotton print is used on the walls and in the wall-to-wall draperies. A harmonizing Fortuny striped cotton is used in the floor-length tablecloth and on the chair seats.

Careful Handling of Christmas Tree Will Assure Accident-Free Holidays

The traditional burning of the Christmas tree outdoors is a thrilling sight but when accidentally ignited indoors it can be a flaming funeral pyre, the National Safety Council said this week.

"Filled with natural pitch and resin, the Christmas tree is one of the most combustible objects known—virtually impossible to extinguish by ordinary methods.

"When the needles fall," the council said "it should not be burned, branch by branch, in the fire-place, because the roaring fire is difficult to control. It should be burned outdoors, in fire-safe areas.

"The months of December and January," the council added, "are the leading months for fire burns, and last year 93 fire deaths occurred during the Christmas holiday alone."

The Christmas tree tradition is a wonderful part of the season, the council said, so keep it wonderful by observing these few precautions:

1. Buy a tree no bigger than you need. The larger the tree, the larger the fire hazard.

2. Wait to put it up until just before Christmas. Keep it in a cold place until then.

3. Saw off, diagonally, at least an inch of the trunk and place in a stand filled with water.

4. Place tree away from sources of heat such as TV sets, radiators, powerful electric lights, which speed up the drying process.

5. Use nonflammable decorations. Keep metallic icicles or tinsel away from light sockets. Dangling into the socket, they can cause short circuits or flash fires. Do not overload circuits, or replace normal fuses with oversized ones.

6. Use electric lights only. Be sure they bear the Underwriters Laboratories label. Check for frayed cords, faulty sockets, loose connections. Provide a switch some distance from the tree to turn it on and off. Do not unplug tree lights underneath the tree.

Never use candles on the tree or around any combustible decorations.

8. Turn off tree lights before leaving the room or the house.

9. Don't operate electric toys, such as trains, beneath the tree. Arcs can ignite decorations or wrappings.

10. Use stool or ladder while trimming the tree. Let children decorate only lower branches. Don't smoke while trimming or dismantling.

11. Burn the tree in a fire-safe area outdoors. Some communities have tree-burning bonfires under the supervision of the fire department. If your community does not, contact your fire department and seek its cooperation. Youth organizations may collect the trees.

Easy-to-Make Table Set Is Ideal Present

An easy-to-make, useful Christmas gift is a plaid gingham luncheon set.

Cut the napkins and table cloth into the desired size. With a sewing machine sew a row of thread an inch and a half from all edges of the table cloth and a half inch from all napkin edges.

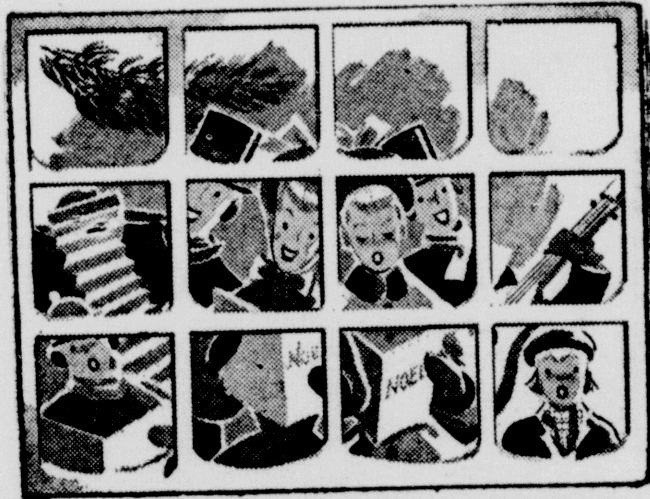
Press the cloth and napkins with hot iron, and your gift is ready for Christmas wrapping.



... and this wish: May every branch on your tree bear the symbols of a happy Christmas celebration.

HAMLIN FLOWER SHOP

Telephone 246



Christmas Greetings

Hamlin Machine & Welding Shop

Cloyce D. Jones, Owner



BLESSINGS at CHRISTMAS

May this Holiday Season mark a blessed beginning of joy and contentment — not just at this Christmas time, but for always!

J. C. TURNER, Attorney



A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS

Some old song, but always new — Merry Christmas — to all of you!

Alton Mayfield, Consignee

Gulf Petroleum Products

Beautiful Legend of First Decorated Tree Related to Christ Birth

There are many legends about decorating the Christmas tree. One dates back to Boniface, who was England's missionary to Germany in the eighth century, "replaced the sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak to a fir tree adorned in tribute to the Christ child."

Others say that the tree and its candles should be attributed to Luther. Another says the practice dates to the Teutonic practice of bringing trees into homes to appease the god-like spirits that were believed to inhabit forest timbers.

But there is a legend more beautiful than all the rest. According to it, when Christ was born a group of stars looked down upon an olive tree, a date palm and a pine tree which stood over the manger.

Seeing that the pine had nothing to offer in His honor while the others gave fruit and dates, they descended from the heavens to rest upon the pine's boughs as an offering—and that was the first Christmas tree.

In Texas the 1958 Christmas-New Year's holiday death toll of 63 was the lowest since 1945.



SITTING PRETTY—This upstairs sitting room designed by Charles Burr Lamar, AID, revives the flavor of the neo-classical Directoire and Empire periods. A spring-like green, yellow and white floral chintz covering the wall is repeated on the daybed and in the draperies. A yellow and white Austrian stove adds a charming touch.

Wire Coat Hanger Is Wreath Foundation

A wire coat hanger is a near perfect foundation for an evergreen wreath. Leave the holder intact at the top and straighten the hanger into a round ring. Fasten the greens to the ring with a heavy thread and a large needle.

Hang the wreath by the hook in the desired location.

Drinking to any extent reduces the ability of any driver.

Live Christmas Trees Widely Used Over Country Nowadays

Live Christmas trees are widely used throughout the country, but many of them die because they are not properly planted, or cared for while in the house.

A live tree will be delivered with the roots wrapped in burlap. Place the tree in a tub and pour cold water over the ball. After it has been well soaked, wrap the ball in a plastic sheet and tie it loosely around the tree.

Occasionally open the plastic and add more water and be sure to keep it away from the heat of a stove or radiator.

Plant the tree outdoors the week-end after Christmas. Dig a hole the same depth as the burlap ball and a foot wider.

Place the tree erect, leaving the burlap around the ball. Fill the hole with loam and give the tree a deep watering.

Finally, spread a mulch over the root area. If the tree has been planted at a windy corner of the house, erect a protecting screen to mute harsh winter winds.

IN A QUANDARY.

A famous admiral always encouraged his officers to act on their own initiative.

One day he received a message from one of the captains in his fleet: "Am lost in fog. Shall I proceed to destination or return to base?"

The admiral replied: "Yes."

Soon after, another message arrived: "Do you me yes, I should proceed to destination or yes. I should return to base?"

This time the reply was: "No."



Long after the snows melt, we hope that our warm wishes for Happiness at Christmas and thereafter will linger with you...

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To our many friends at Christmas time...

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Robert Brandon
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Smitty Maberry
Louie Cauble

Woodie Scott
Earl Portwood
Aubrey Haught
Bertie Perryman
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Bill Thompson
Edgar Duncan
James Crowley

Our thanks and good wishes ring out to our friends...

The Cheery Christmas Bells ring out our sincere thanks for your wonderful friendship and patronage, and say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

NOW OPEN 24 HOURS EVERY DAY

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We Will Be Closed Christmas Day

Highways, Homes Are Danger Spots During Holidays

The highway and the home are prime holiday danger spots, the National Safety Council emphasized this week.

With just a few days remaining until the holiday season gets in full swing, the council took a look at the record:

1. Thousands of persons injured in traffic and home accidents during the year-end holiday.

2. More accidental deaths in December than in any other month.

3. Holiday spirits — the kind found in a bottle—emerging as one of the big accident causes, especially on the highway.

The council pointed out that drivers have a moral responsibility to keep themselves and others safe from accidents. When they cause an accident because of drink it said they are guilty of violating a commandment.

Major holiday home hazards were listed by the council as:

1. Slips and falls.
2. Fires.
3. The hustle-bustle of the season.

Falls, the council said, are caused in a variety of ways—toys scattered around the floor, climbing too high to hang decorations, using a chair instead of a step-ladder for climbing, ice on steps and sidewalks.

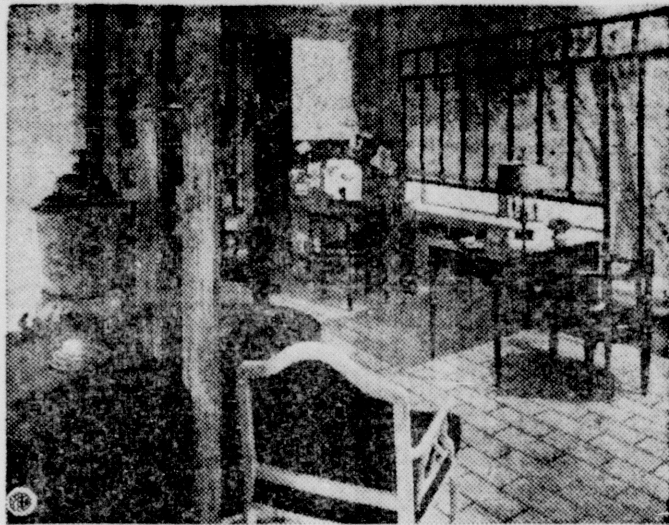
The fire danger, said the council, can be reduced if holiday decorations are fire-proof or fire-resistant.

The decoration that deserves the most attention, it said, is the Christmas tree itself. It suggests:

1. Don't buy your tree too early. When you do get it, keep it in a cold spot until ready to use.
2. Before setting up the tree, saw off about an inch of the trunk.
3. Keep the tree away from sources of heat (radiators, for example), and put its base in a water-containing holder.

KEEP TREE LIVELY.

If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support your Christmas tree, a plant food solution poured over the rocks will aid in retaining the needles on the tree. If you have the type of tree holder which allows the tree to rest in water, dissolve a small amount of plant food in the water.



SHADES OF WHITE—A novel window treatment becomes the focal point in this inviting living room by decorator Melanio Kahane, AID, in New York's Washington Square Village. A heavy white cotton striped with acid green binding is used in the draw shade, the overcurtain and tasseled valance. Wood tones in the room are set off by touches of black and green.

Observance of Christmas Becoming More Popular in South American Area

North American customs for the celebration of Christmas are becoming more popular in Latin American countries. Our southern friends, however, have many holiday traditions we could well adopt.

In Mexico, for instance, during the nine days before Christmas, candlelight processions are formed nightly. They are called Posadas.

This ritual reenacts the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem and its difficulty in finding a place to stay.

It is arranged for the marchers to be refused entrance at home, then admitted with rejoicing and great festivities.

Also, Mexico has a tradition called breaking the pinata. A fragile earthen jar—the pinata—is filled with candy, toys and trinkets and suspended from the ceiling.

Guests are blind-folded, spun around, and allowed to hit at the pinata with a stick. When it is smashed, everyone rushes for the shower of treats.

The youngsters of many Latin American countries look forward to January 6—the Epiphany—and a visit from the Three Wise Men when gifts are received.

Children address their letters for Christmas to the Baby Jesus, care of St. Peter in many Latin American countries. And in Colombia it is a custom for merry-makers to masquerade in the streets on Christmas Eve. When-

ever a friend detects another's identity, he claims a reward.

The remaining bones of Saint Nicholas are preserved today in the museum of Antalya in Southern Turkey. Most of them were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. Those that remain are carefully preserved.

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LETTERS FROM SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I am five years old. My name is Ivie Lynn Harper. I have been a good little girl. I want a doll with clothes and a suit-case and a buggy or a doll with hair and high heels and will walk. I have a brother who is one year old. Bring him a truck, a bike and a doll.—Ivie and Patrick.

Dear Santa: Please come to see me at Christmas and bring me a Josh Randall gun. I go to school now. Thank you, Santa.—Duane Fry.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a toy car with a trailer and boat and an airplane for Christmas. Your friend—Sidney Olen Gann.

Yule Log Still Is Revered Tradition Throughout World

An old and honored Christmas tradition—the Yule log—has almost vanished from our holiday celebration. Logs and fire-places are not as common as they were once, but the tradition of the Yule log was carried on in England for centuries.

It was introduced into Great Britain by the Vikings who burned it to honor the God Thor. The custom was adopted by the English as part of the Christmas festivities.

With great pomp and ceremony, the very best log that could be found was brought into the house and placed in the great fire-place.

The fire was lit and the servants of the house gathered with the master and there was much singing and celebrating the coming of the Christmas holiday.

According to the custom of these days the holiday season lasted 12 full days and the log burned again the following year to kindle the fire.

Christmas does not last for 12 days, but the superstition that all decorations should be removed by the twelfth night to prevent bad luck in the New Year still exists.

Flowering Bulbs Can Be Forced to Bloom During Holiday Period

You can easily force spring flowering bulbs to get continuous bloom throughout the holiday season and late winter.

Narcissus, hyacinths, tulips and crocuses can be potted for flowering. Use only bulbs of best quality. Set them in shallow pots containing soil with good water-holding capacity and drainage. A satisfactory soil mixture is three parts good garden loam, one part organic matter and two parts sand. Fill the pot with soil to one-half inch below the rim, leaving the tips of bulbs barely exposed.

Plant hyacinths and narcissi as close together as you can. For tulips, plant five or six bulbs in a five-inch pot.

Place the pots in a cool place at 40 to 50 degrees. The soil must be moist while in storage. When the roots are well developed, bring the pots into a warm room for forcing. The plants grow best in full sun and in moderately moist soil.

When the plants are in full bloom, remove them from the sun to a bright location. The flowers will last longer if you keep them in a fairly cool place.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a baby doll and doll buggy and purse for Christmas this year. I like school. Thank you for the presents—Herlinda Lopez.

Dear Santa Claus: My name is Helen Howard, and I want a Betsy Wetsy doll, a poodle, a nurse suit, and a set of china dishes. Please bring me a Mickey Mouse typewriter. I've been a good girl. And don't forget my little brother, Johnny, who is four years old. And don't forget the other boys and girls. Love—Helen.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a dwarf, electric iron, tiny tears doll, and all these (and she draws a group of pictures, some of which Santa Claus may have difficulty in identifying, as did the type-setter. Love—Donnie Kay Croan.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years old. I have been good. I would like a small TV set and a set of Civil War men; also a basketball and some nuts and candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Love—Mike Jones.

P. S. — Please remember my brother, W. C.



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NAZARETH IS HOLY PLACE.

No mention is made of Nazareth in the Old Testament. In fact, at the time of Christ the town was so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Him in derision. Yet Nazareth became and continues to be one of Christendom's holiest places.

Christmas Blessings...

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